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#286 Mom...?!

白虎

巨乳

OH, SHE'S HOT.

IS SHE BAKI'S MOM?

...

"MOM"?

THAT'S BAKI'S MOM?

MY MOM WAS KILLED BY HER BELOVED, YUJIRO HANMA.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ...?

W...

MOM...

WHIP

WINK

DA-
SHAAH!

NO, THAT'S NOT—

KRAK

朱雀
LOOKS LIKE YOU FIGURED IT OUT.
WHAM

AS YOU MIGHT'VE GUESSED, THAT WOMAN IS *NOT* EMI AKEZAWA.

SHE'S MY MISTRESS.

GNCH

THEIR MAKE-UP SKILLS HELPED ME COOK UP A FAKE OF YOUR OL' MOTHER.

Y'SEE, I GOT A LI'L HELP FROM SOME FANS OF MINE WHO WORK IN THE MOVIE INDUSTRY.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT'S GOING ON THOUGH...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISS.

THAT WILL DO.

OH... OKAY.

FOR MY CHANCE TO FIGHT BACK...

...BUT THAT WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH.

YOU SAW THROUGH IT IN ONLY A FEW SECONDS...

...A SECOND IS ALL I NEED.

CRAK

IT'S THE MANJI!

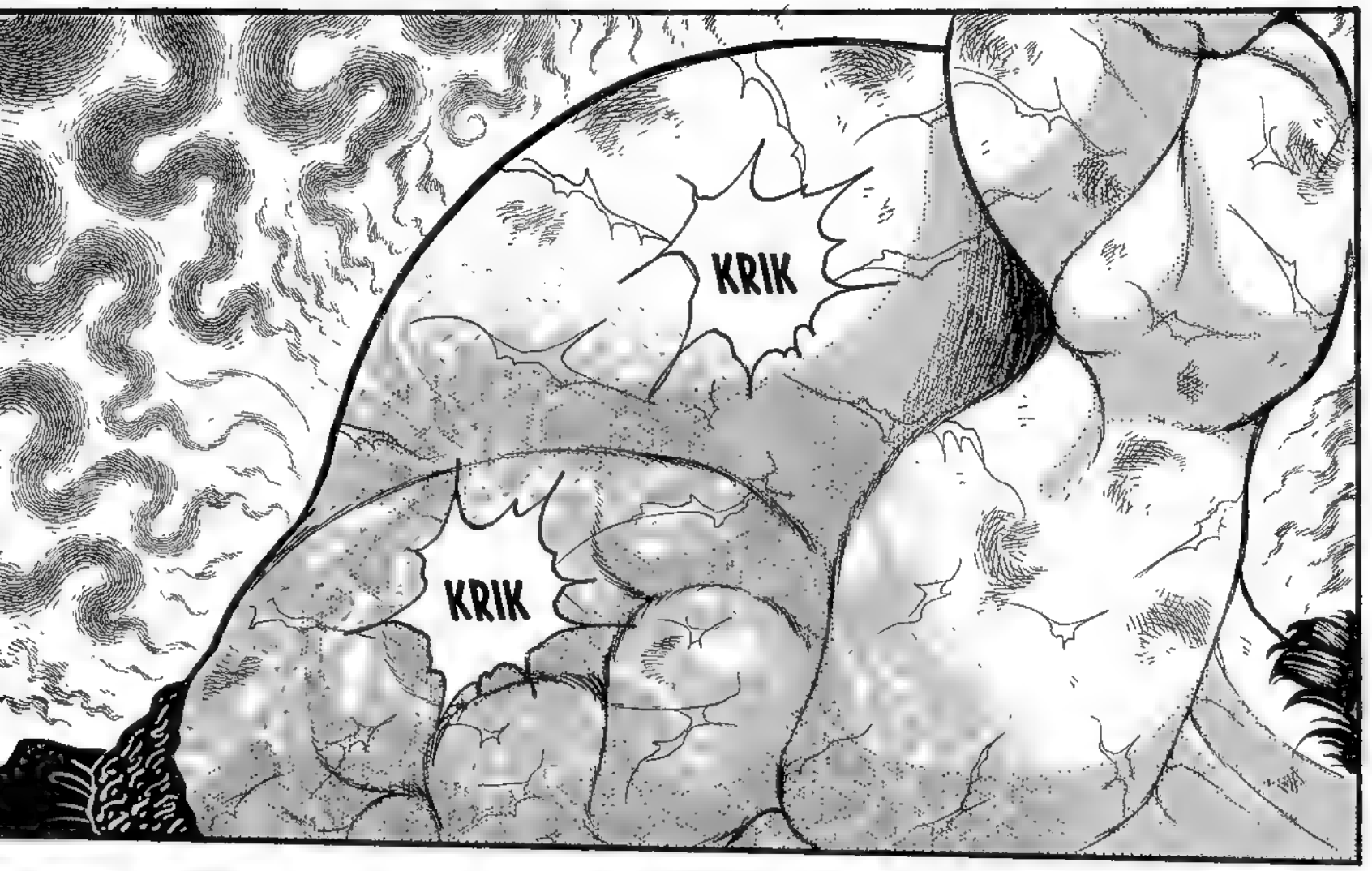
THAT'S A *GROWN MAN'S STRENGTH.*

THAT'S IT.

I'VE SEEN A LOTTA GUYS DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET WHAT THEY WANT...

...BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE PULL ANYTHING *THAT DIRTY* !!!

THIS MOVE IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE *OCTOPUS HOLD.*
DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE SPORT, PRO WRESTLING HAS MULTIPLE MOVES THAT ARE PURELY FOR SHOW...
青竜
...BUT THE OCTOPUS HOLD?
THIS ONE IS *DIFFERENT.*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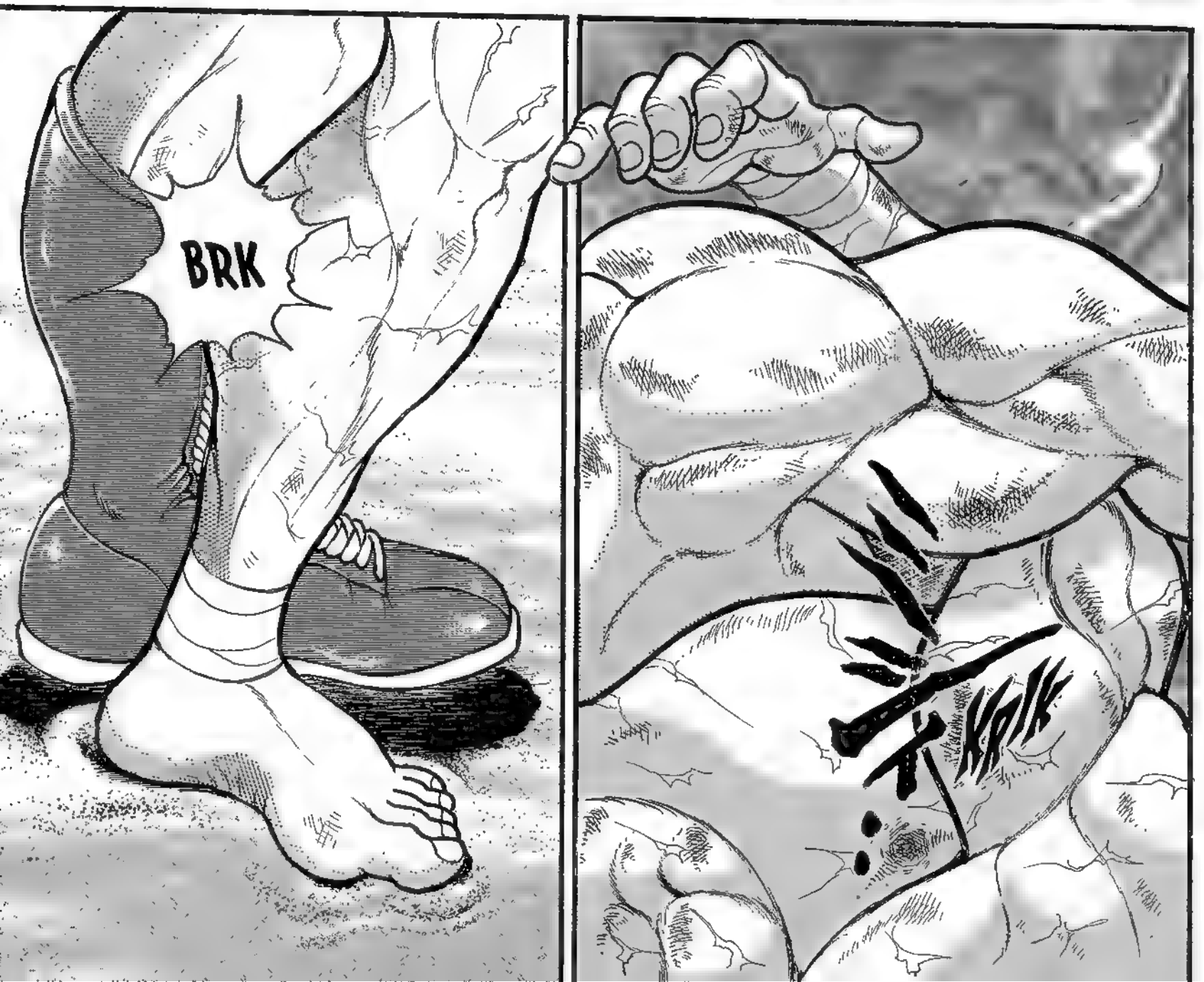
KRIK


BRK
KRIK

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I!
GA!
GA!
RI!
RI!
I!
I!
GA!
GA!
RI!
RI!
THIS IS A MOMENT OF BLISS.
I!
GA!
RI!

WHISH
小手
FAH

HUH ?!

...

TH... ANK... YOU...

THANK YOU, MR. IGARI...

#287 I Want to Thank You From the Bottom of My Heart!!

HUH?!
THANK... YOU...

THANK YOU...

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SLIP

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W-
WAZZAT?

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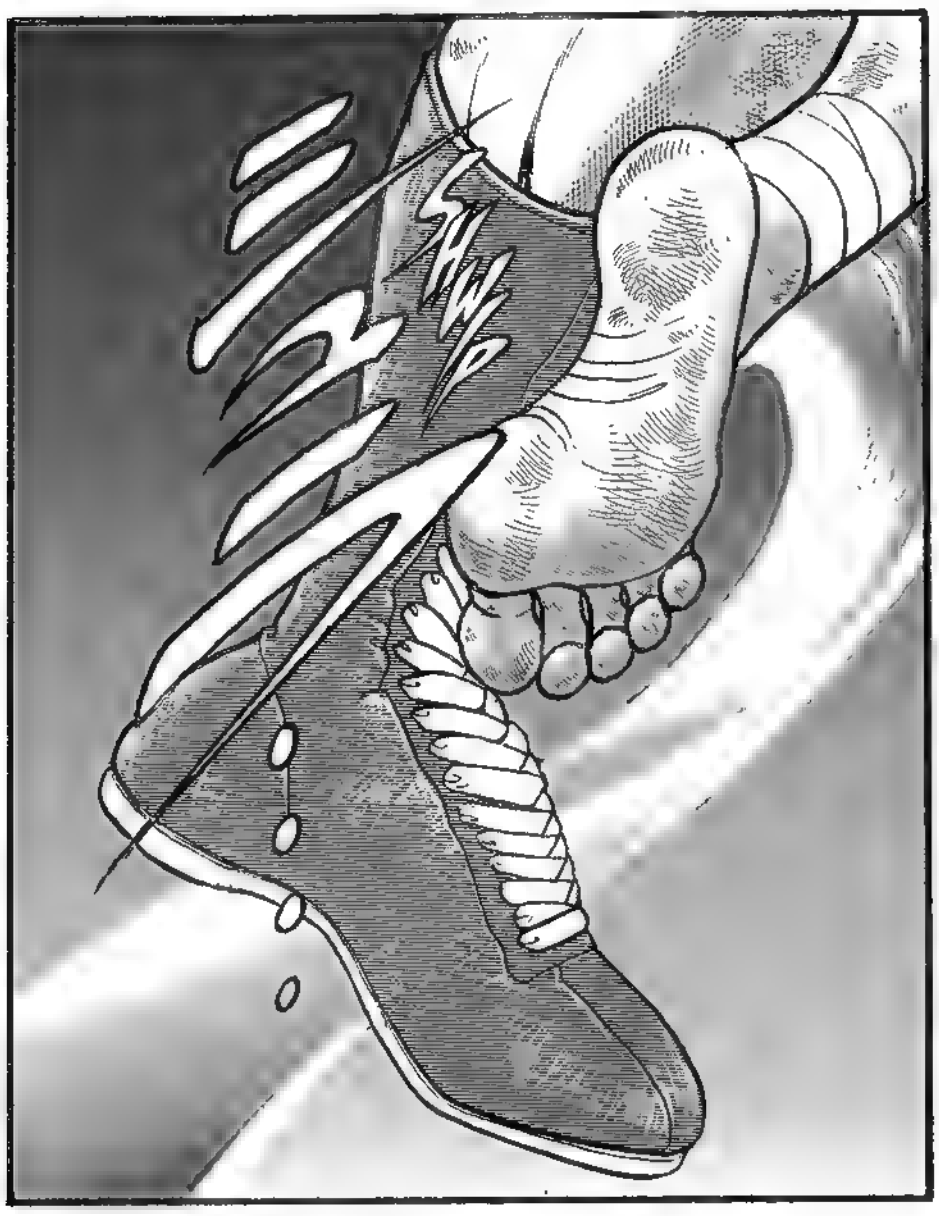

SLWP

SLWP

WOOOOO
THE MANJI WAS BROKEN!
NO WAY... HE GOT FREE EFFORT-LESSLY !!!

...
HOLY SHIT, HE SLIPPED OUT OF IT...!!!

I THOUGHT IT WAS ODD.

HEH. I FIGURED.

Y...

YOU PUNK! BAKI!!!

Y..

DESPITE APPEARANCES, PRO WRESTLERS...

...HAVE PRETTY STIFF BODIES.

木部

OF COURSE, YOU CAN'T COMPARE THEM TO AMATEURS, BUT THERE'S A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TIME PRO WRESTLERS AND MARTIAL ARTISTS SPEND STRETCHING.

PARTICULARLY, WHEN IT COMES TO STRIKE-BASED MARTIAL ARTS, SOME DEDICATE THIRTY MINUTES PER TRAINING SESSION TO JUST STRETCHING.

...THAT IT EVEN PUTS GYMNASTS AND YOGIS TO SHAME.

AND WITH A MARTIAL ARTIST OF BAKI'S LEVEL, HIS JOINTS ARE SO FLEXIBLE...

本部

FROM BAKI'S POINT OF VIEW, THAT MOVE *WAS* PURELY FOR SHOW.

BUT THERE'S *NO WAY* IT'D WORK ON HIM!

WHETHER IT'S THE MANJI STRETCH OR WHATEVER, THOSE MOVES ARE PROBABLY AMAZING WHEN APPLIED TO ANOTHER PRO WRESTLER.

...!

I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY HEARTFELT THANKS.

MR. IGARI.

WHO I AM..

...AND WHAT I MUST DO...

...WHY I WAS BORN IN THIS WORLD...

...IT ALL CAME BACK TO ME ONCE I SAW MY MOTHER STANDING THERE.

...!
A LOCK UP?!

HE WANTS TO GO AGAINST A FORTY-YEAR PRO WRESTLING VETERAN LIKE ME IN A LOCK UP?!

I REALLY HAVE LEARNED QUITE A LOT FROM YOU.

...AND HOW FAR YOU NEED TO GO IF YOU WANT TO WIN.

ABOUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO...

...THE MAN WHO TAUGHT ME THAT— *YOU,* MR. IGARI.

I'D LOVE TO DO SOME PRO WRESTLING WITH...

SNIF

...

HE'S GOING TO TAKE ON IGARI USING WRESTLING ?!

IS HE SERIOUS?!

GRK...

BA!

KI!

BA!

KI!

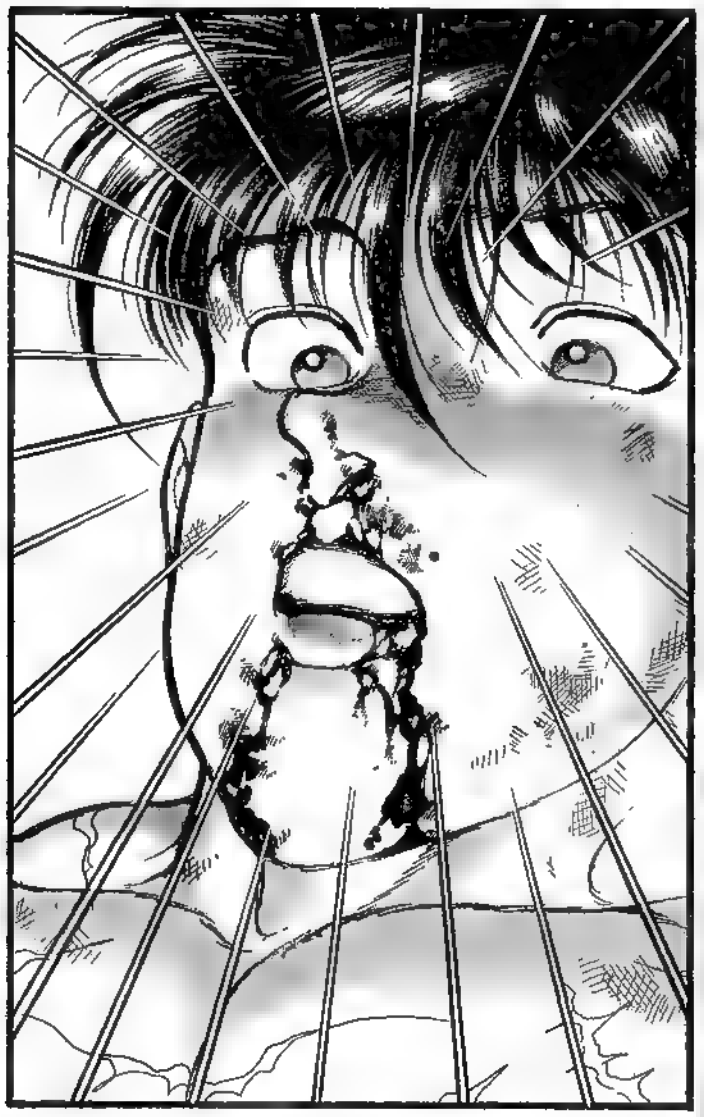
COCKY LITTLE BRAT!!!

WHOA!

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY...

NOW...

BAKIIII
!!!



DA-
SSHAH
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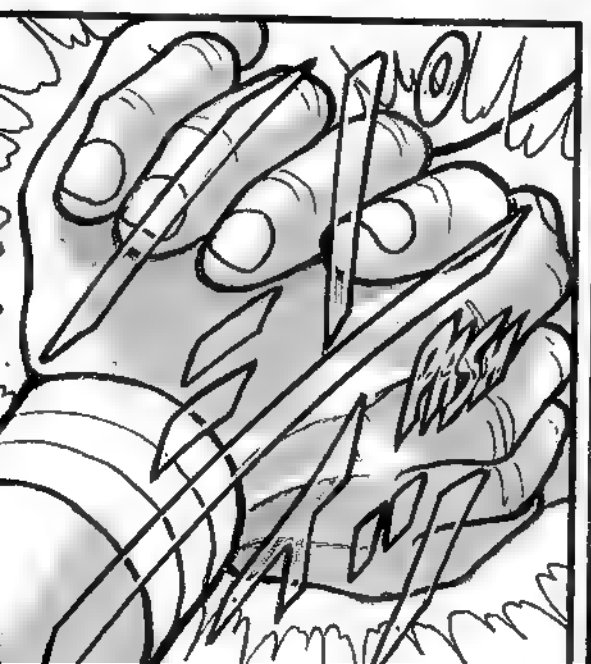
UHHH


SHOW
BACK

A
COBRA
TWIST?!
HUH...?

*TECHNIQUE PROVIDED BY SANDAIME UOTAKE SHIGEO HAMADA

#288 Pro Wrestling Showdown!!

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IT'S THE COBRA TWIST!!!

BAKI IS FIGHTING HIM WITH PRO WRESTLING!

A REVERSE COBRA!!!

THAT'S NOT THE COBRA TWIST!!!

THAT'S ...

HOLY CRAP!

!!!

THIS IS NOT THE COBRA TWIST!

IT'S A NEW MOVE, NEVER SEEN BEFORE!

AND
IGARI'S LEFT LEG AND WRIST ARE FULLY LOCKED!!!

BOTH OF THEIR RIGHT HANDS ARE FIRMLY CLASPED TOGETHER!

IT RESEMBLES THE CLASSIC COBRA TWIST, BUT...

...IT'S ALSO SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!!!

HE PULLED OFF A STANDING SUBMISSION ON IGARI...

WHAT THE HELL IS BAKI DOING?

HOW DOES THE *NEW COBRA* FEEL?

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, MR. IGARI?

...!!!

I JUST CAME UP WITH THE NAME.

IF YOU LIKED THIS SAMPLE, I GOT PLENTY MORE WHERE IT CAME FROM.

I'VE FOUGHT OVER FIFTY MATCHES HERE, BUT I HAVEN'T USED THIS ONE SINCE MY DEBUT.

ARGH!

HE BROKE IT!
HE RELEASED HIM!
WOOO

WE HAVE TO ENTERTAIN THE CROWD...

THIS IS PRO WRESTLING, AFTER ALL.

HNGHHH!

GRAB

DA-
SSHAH!

GWAH!

A HEADBUTT!

AS IF TO RETURN THE FAVOR FROM EARLIER!

OOH!

HE SCOOPS HIS FOOT ...?!

A SPINNING TOE HOLD ?!

SHF

WHOA!

NO! IT'S A FIGURE FOUR LEG LOCK!

GA
OR MAYBE IT ISN'T?!
SHING

THE SINGLE-LEG FIGURE FOUR.

GRIP

KRIIK

GAAAAAAAAH!

HE LET GO AGAIN!

SHAI!
CLAP
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SHAI!
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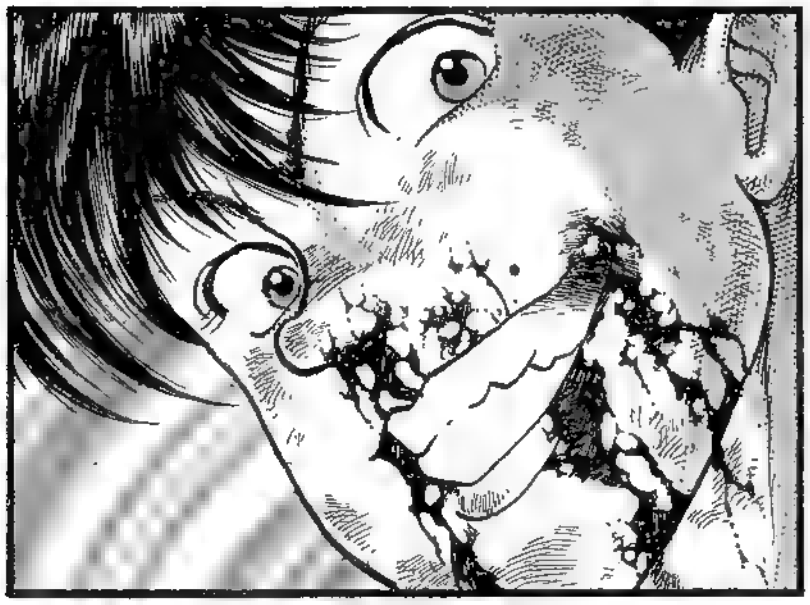
SHAI!
CLAP
SHAI!
SHAI!
CLAP
SHAI!



CRASH

CRASH

CRASH

HE'S AMAZING.

...!

THAT BOY...

THE NEW MANJI HOLD ...

#289 The Greatest Kanji Igari!!

WHP

OH YEAH!

THE NEW MANJI STRETCH !!!

BAKIIII!

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YEAAAH!

...EVERY...
THING...

I'VE
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THE
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...

I'VE LOST
EVERYTHING
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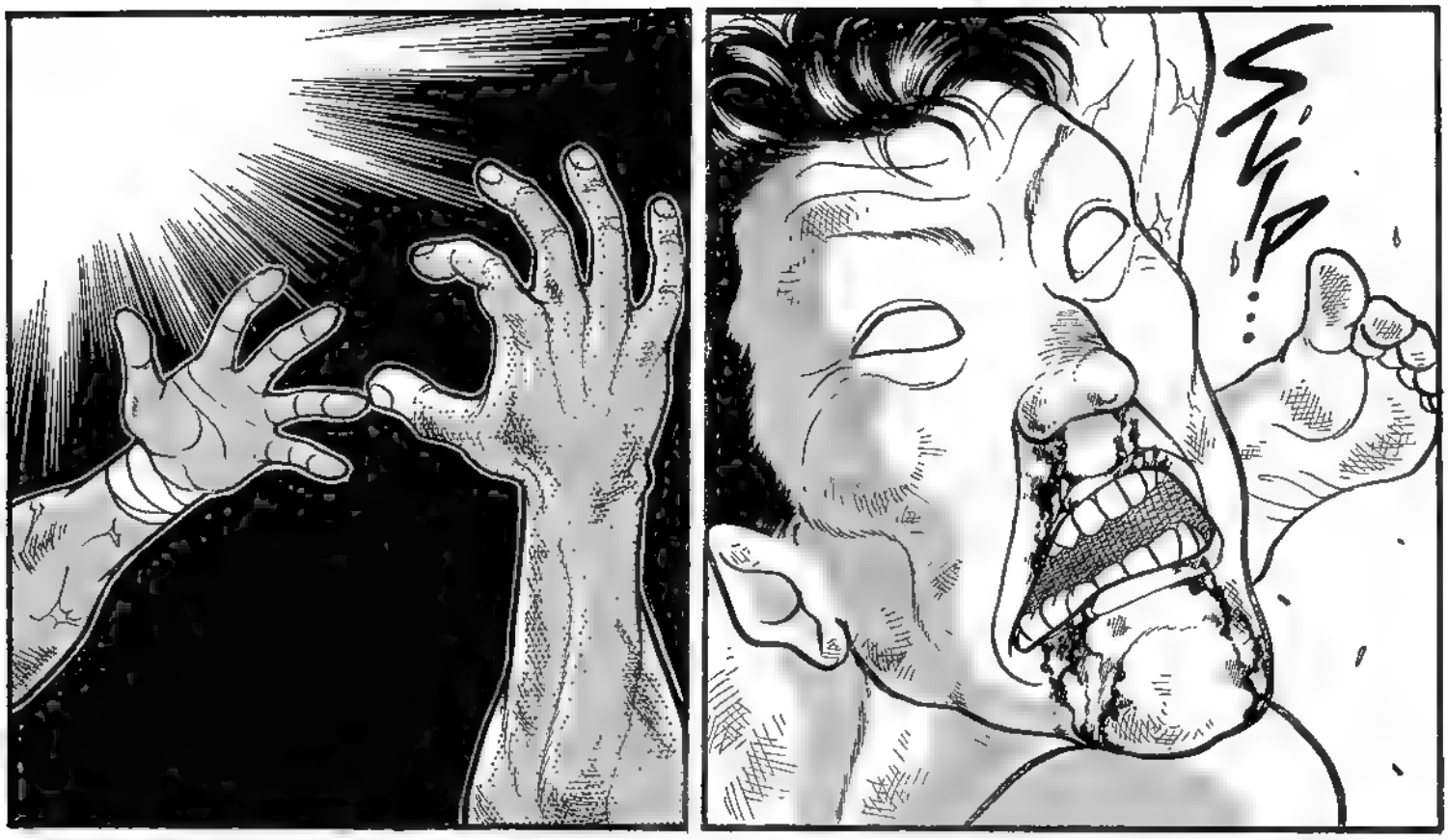
SLIP...

SHF

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...ANY-
THING
ANY-
MORE
!!!

I
DON'T
NEED
...!

...AND CAME ALL THE WAY TO JAPAN!!!

I DREAMT OF BEING TOP CLASS, SO I CROSSED THE SEA FROM WHERE MY FAMILY MOVED, BRAZIL...

SHING

...I'D BE PISSING BLOOD!!!

EACH AND EVERY PASSING DAY...

PULLED TO MY FEET...!

KICKED ON THE GROUND...!

SMACKED WITH KENDO STICKS...!

AND THE VERY FIRST THING I LEARNED...

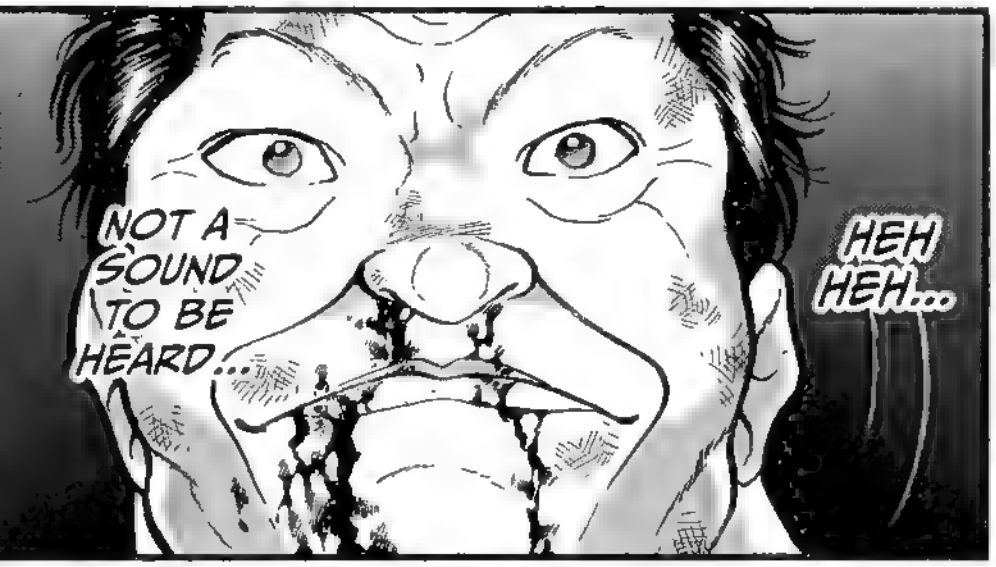
THAT'S RIGHT...!

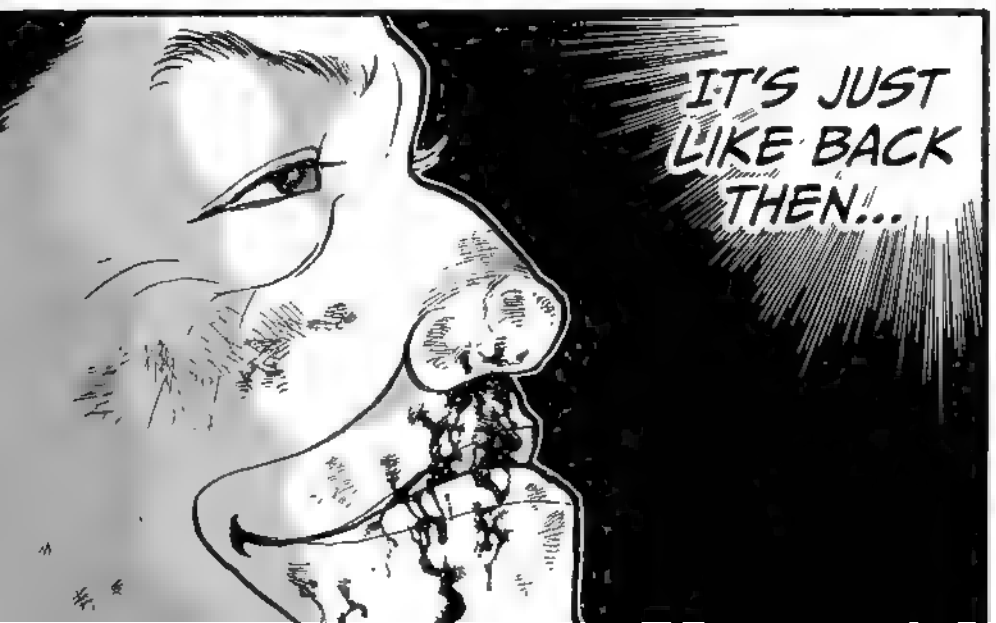
...WAS THIS!!!

GRAP

...!

...!


NOT A SOUND TO BE HEARD...
HEH HEH...


IT'S JUST LIKE BACK THEN...

GRIK
キリ
GRIK
キリ

...IN MY DEBUT MATCH.

FORTY LONG YEARS AGO...

IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL ...!!!

IT'S...

...

KRIK...

KRIK...

KRIK...

KRIK...

IT FEELS GOOD...

AAH...

SCRAPE

...THE ONE YOU'RE SHOWING ME NOW...!!

SMOOM

OUT OF ALL THE DIFFERENT SIDES OF KANJI IGARI YOU'VE SHOWN ME...

MR. IGARI!!!

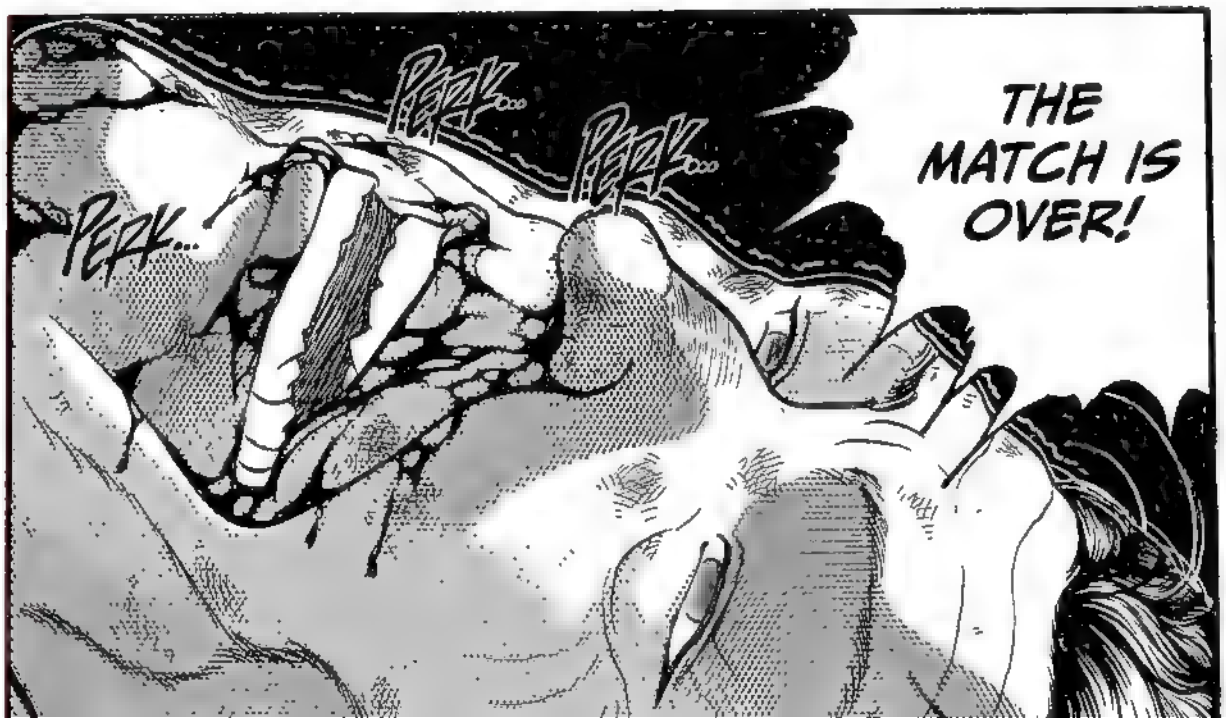
...IS THE COOLEST OF THEM ALL!

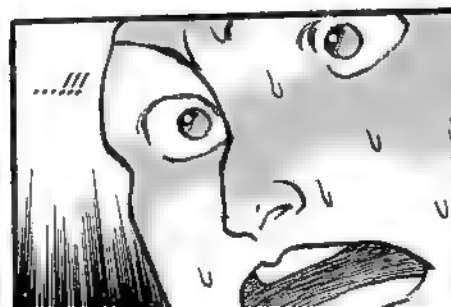
A...

A JUMPING BACKDROP !!!

BAM!

KSHOOM


PERK...
PERK...
PERK...
THE MATCH IS OVER!


...!!!

#290 Thank You

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BAKI

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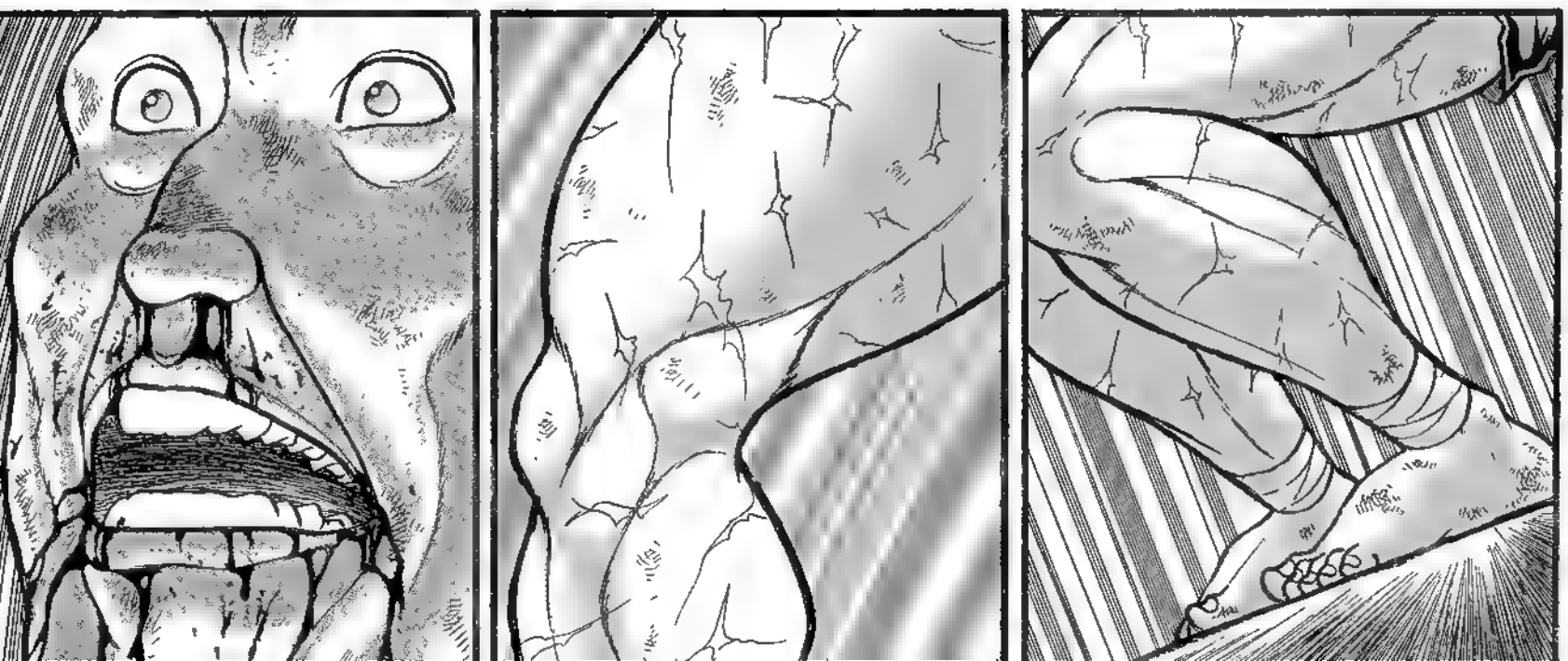
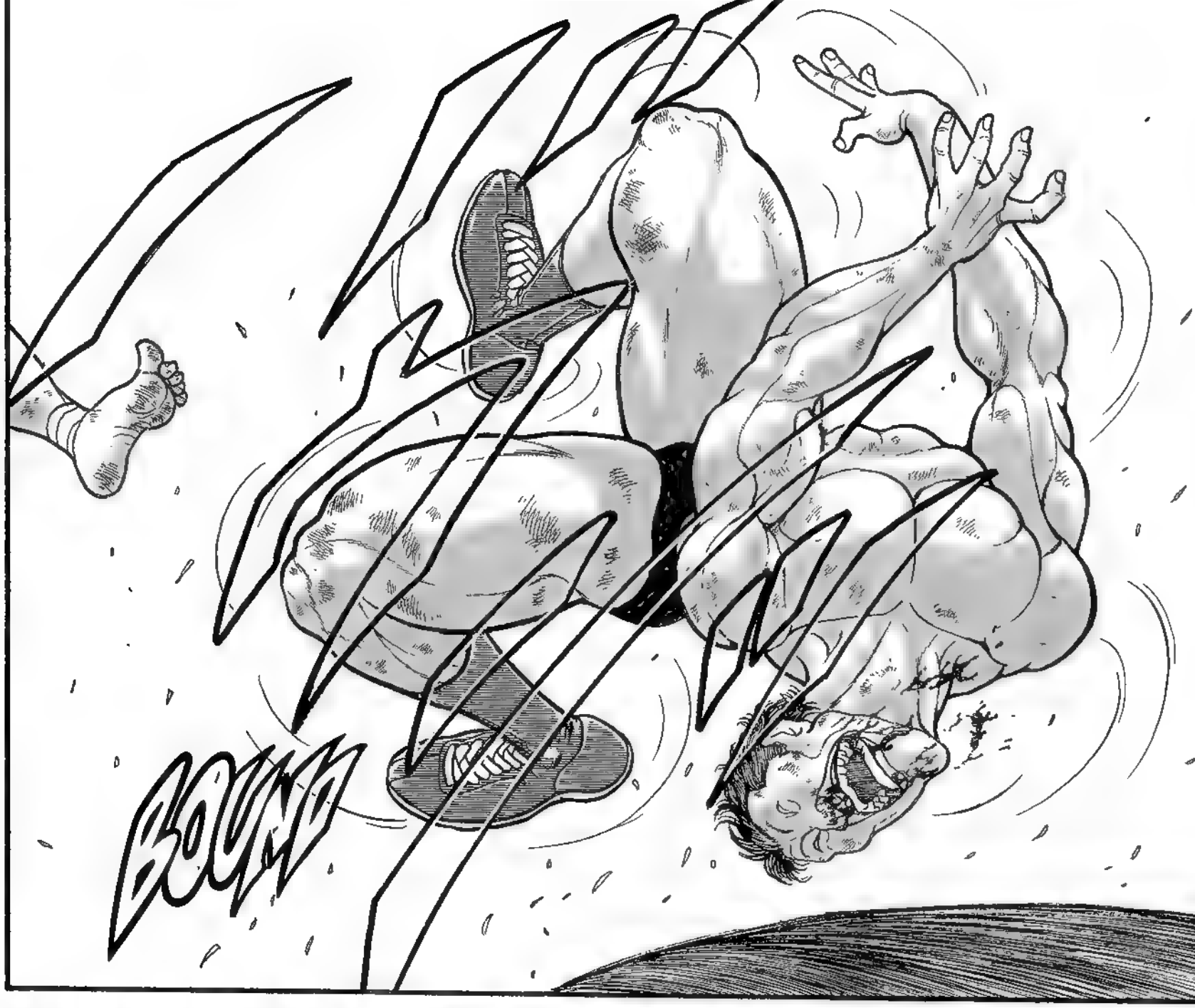


白虎

白虎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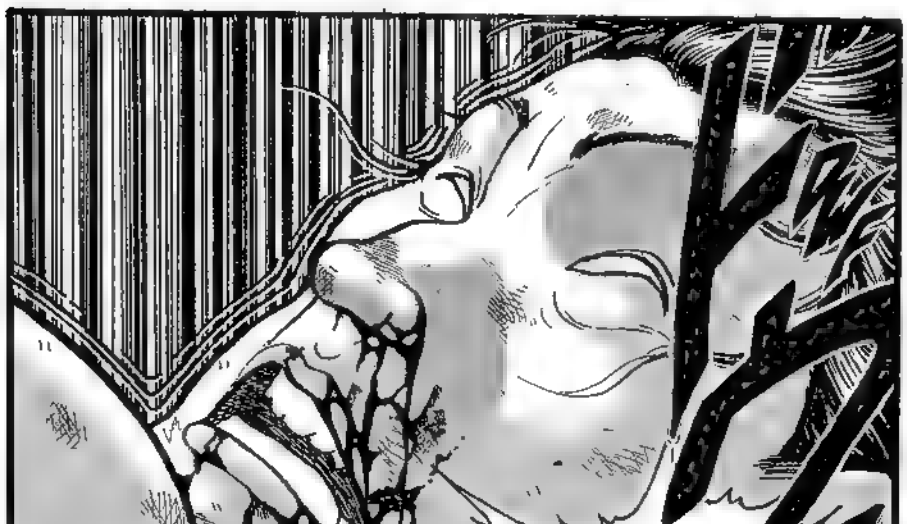
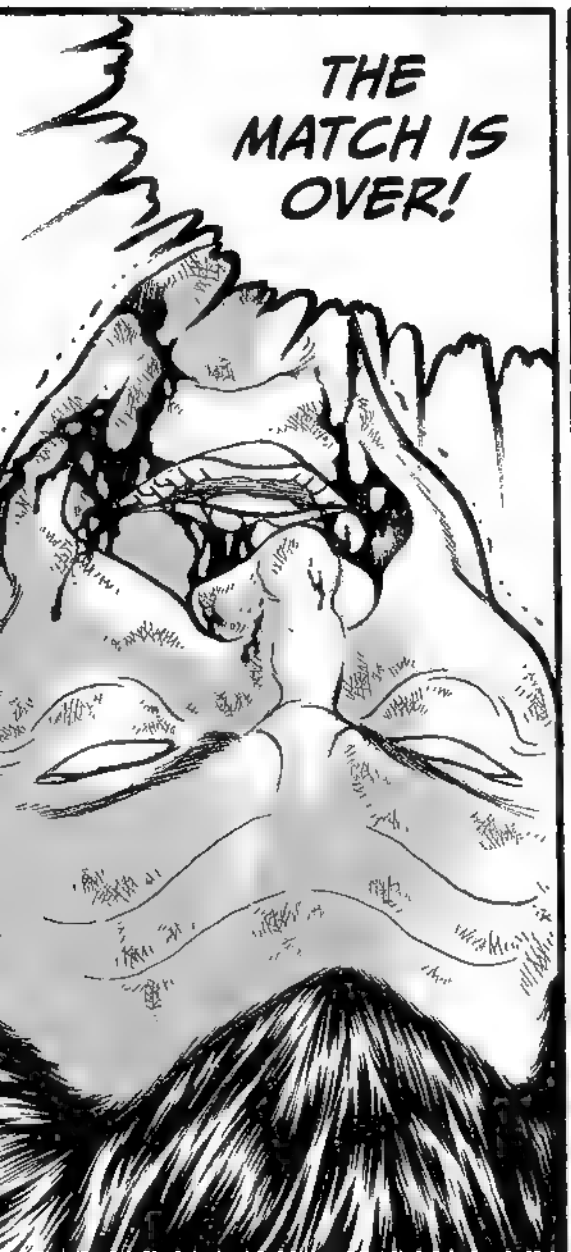


KRR!

少年

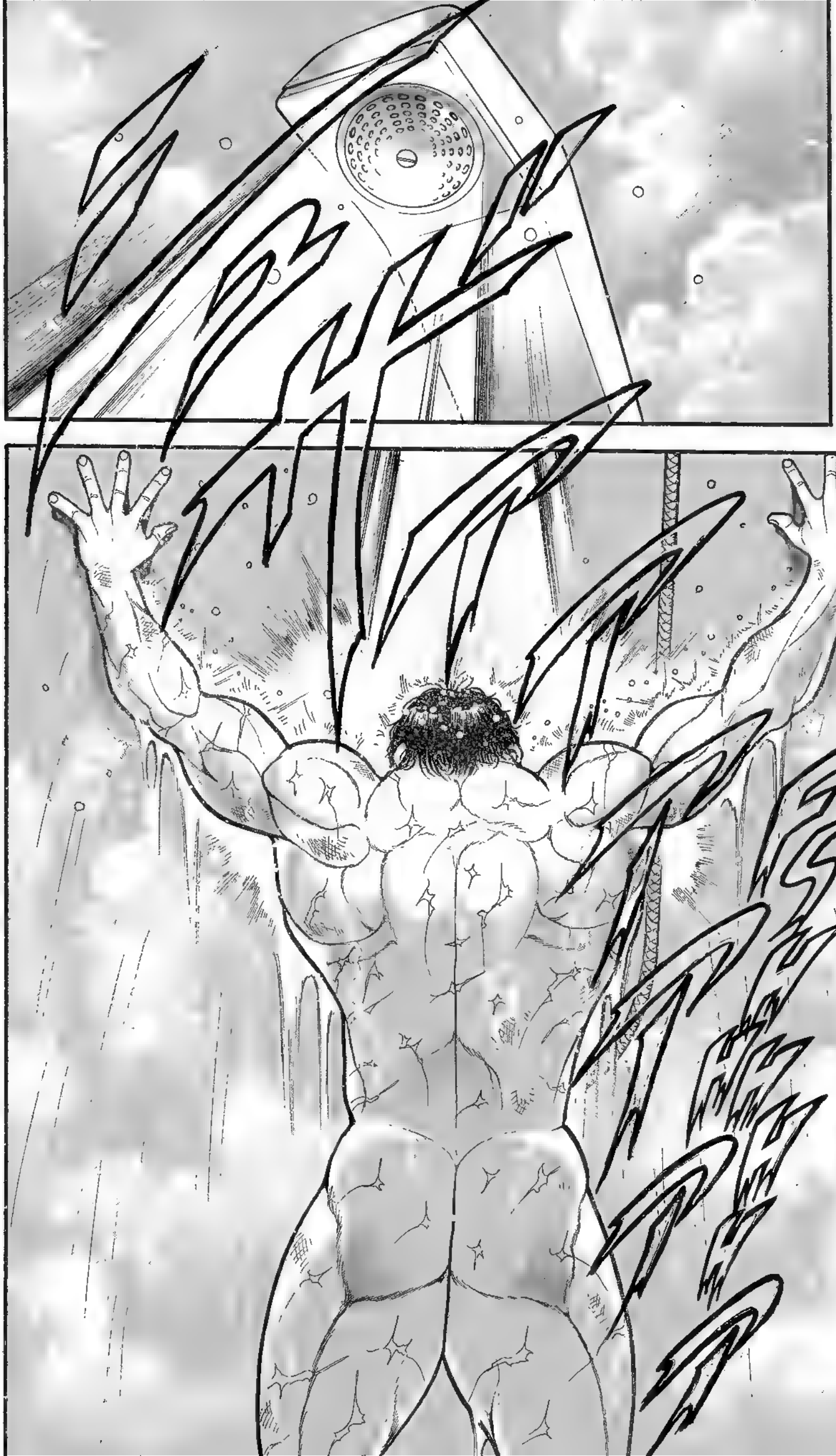

THE MATCH IS OVER!

Shrink

朱雀

I!
BA!
GA!
KI!
RI!
I!
BA!
GA!
KI!
RI!

CONGRATS.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
MR. IGARI.

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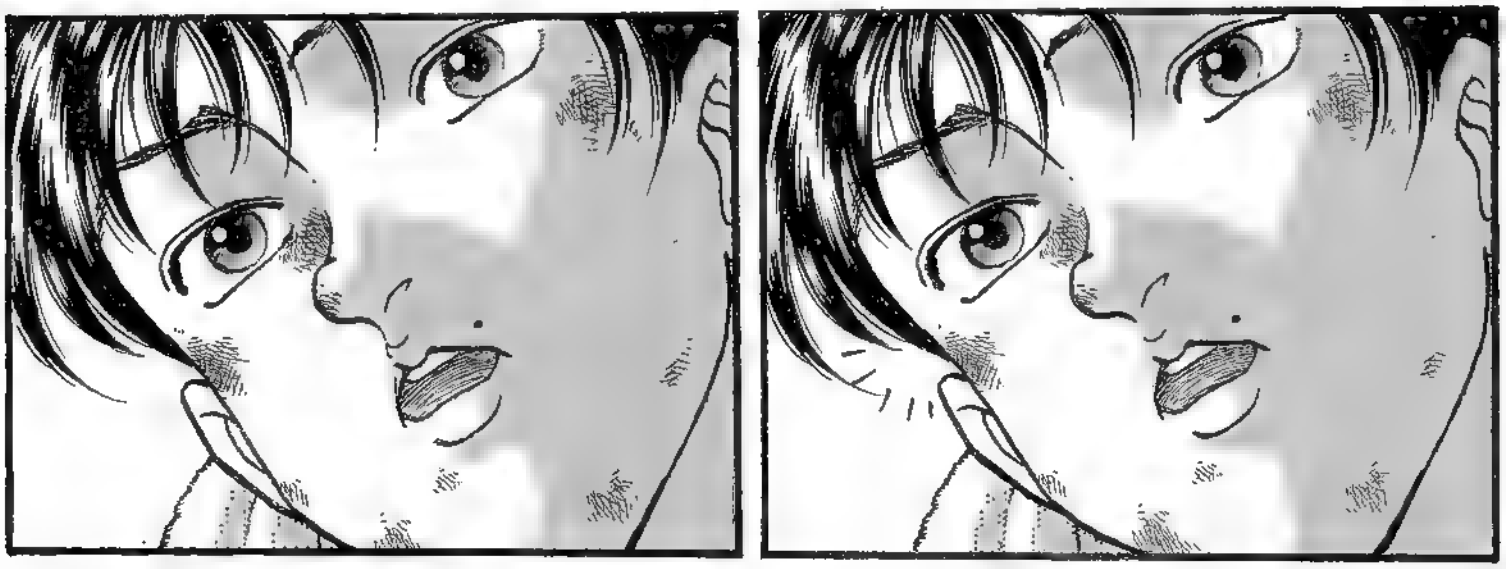
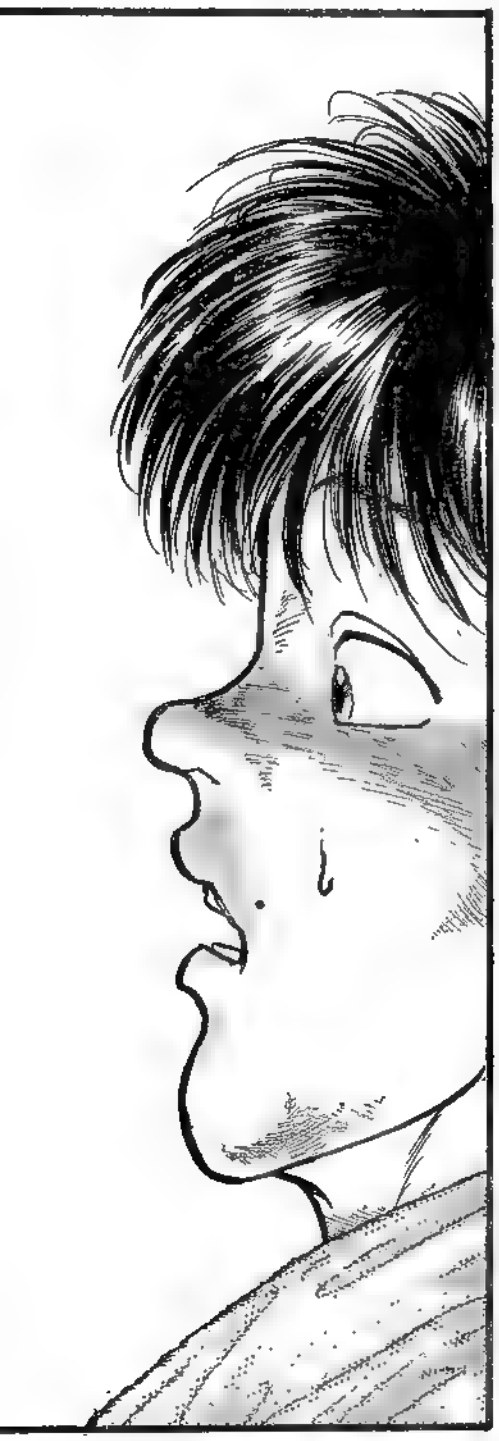


MR.
I—



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TO A SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD BRAT, NO LESS.

I WOUND UP LOSING.

IF YOU WERE IN YOUR PRIME, OUR MATCH WOULD'VE—

GRAB

I *WAS* IN MY PRIME.

YOU HAD FRIEND *AND* FOE ON YOUR SIDE.

...FOR *YOU* AND NOT ME, WELL...

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WHEN MY GIRL WAS CHEERING...

THAT'S WHEN I KNEW.

I KNEW I NEEDED *NOTHING.*

...

NOOOO-THING...

NOTHING, NOTHING...

AND WHEN I THOUGHT THAT...

...SORT OF LIKE...

SHIV フル...

...I KIND OF FELT...

SHIV フル...

...SOMETHING WELLED UP INSIDE ME!

I KIND OF FELT LIKE...

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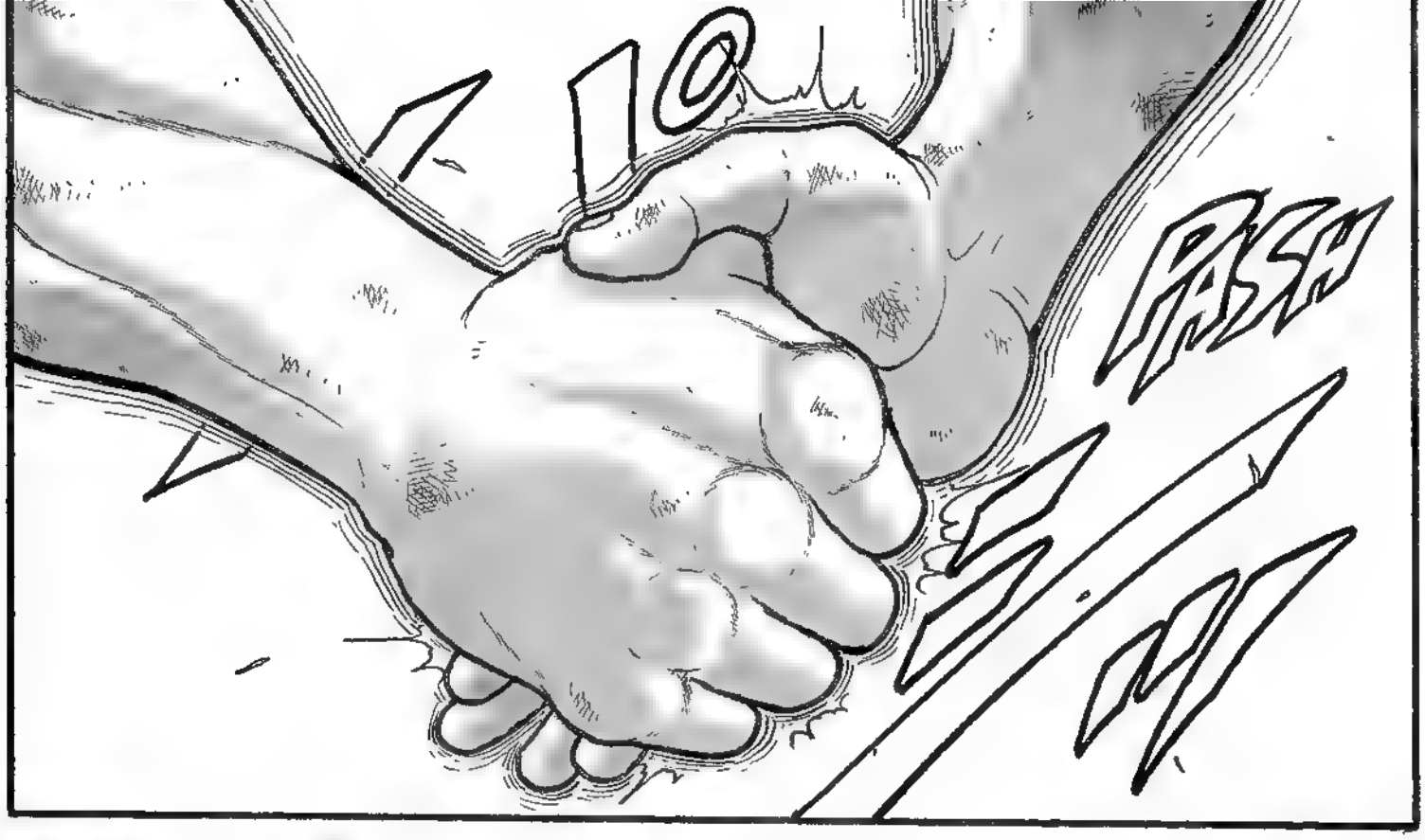
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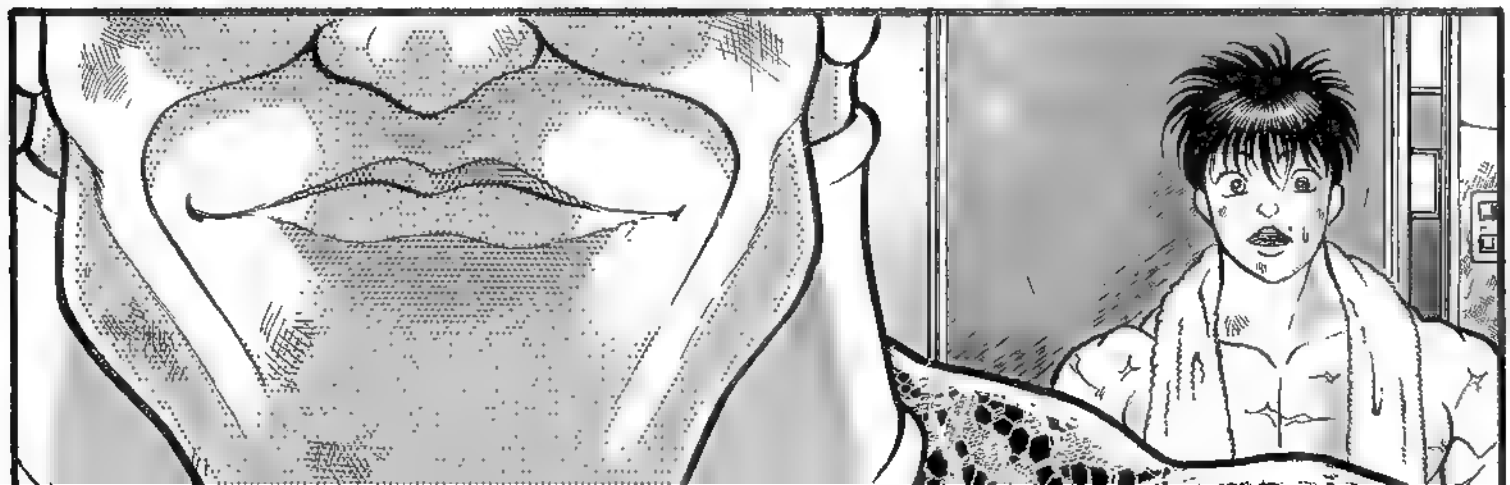
PASH

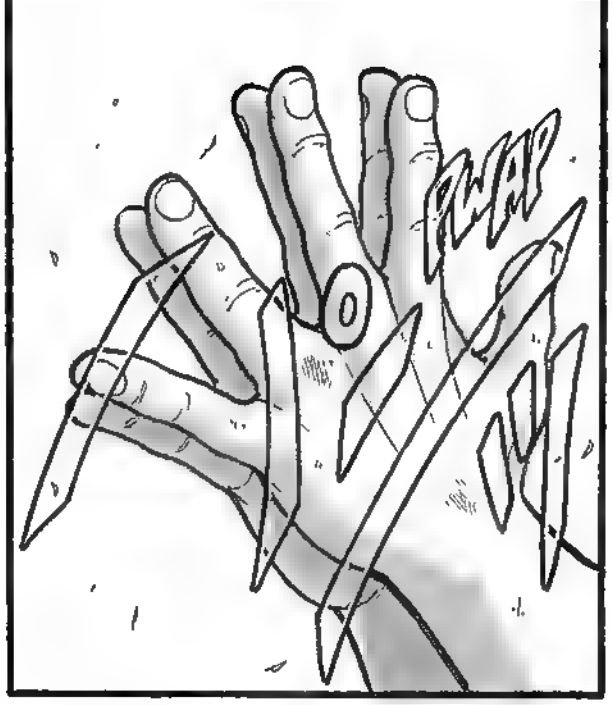
IT'S BEEN TWENTY YEARS...
...

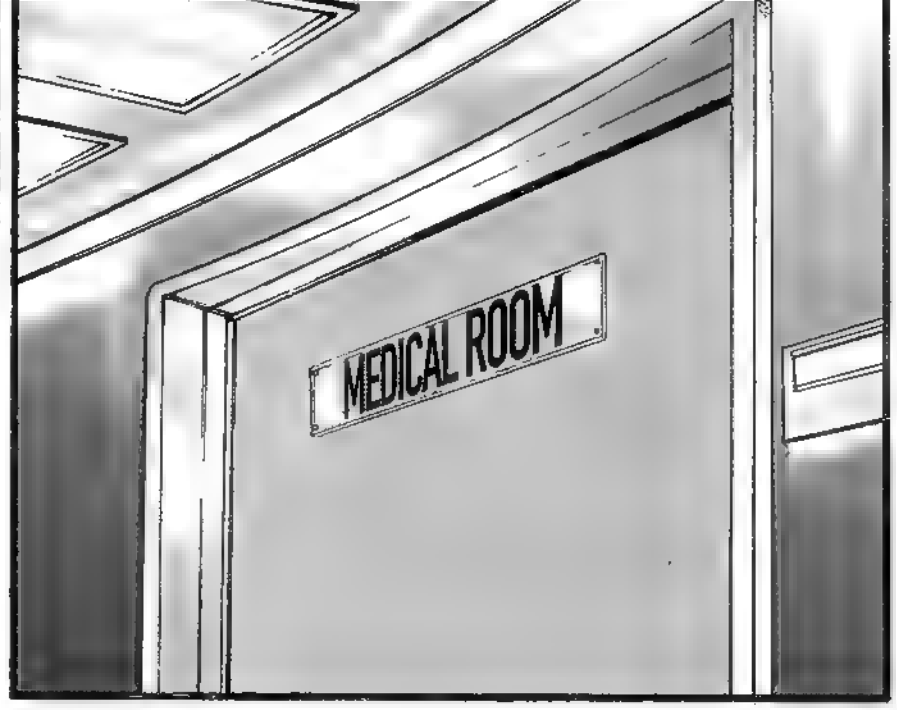


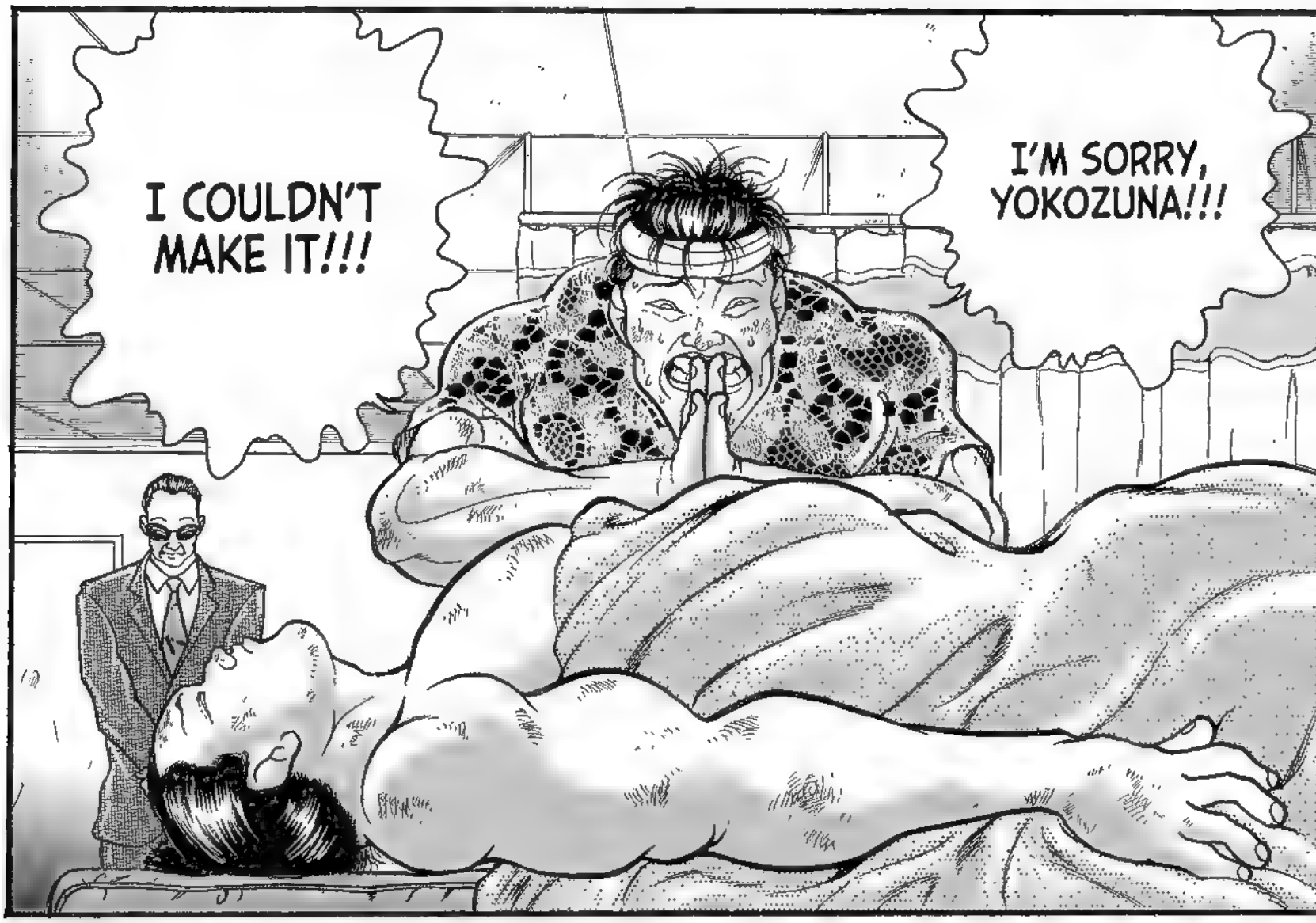
IT'S BEEN TWENTY YEARS SINCE I'VE FELT ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

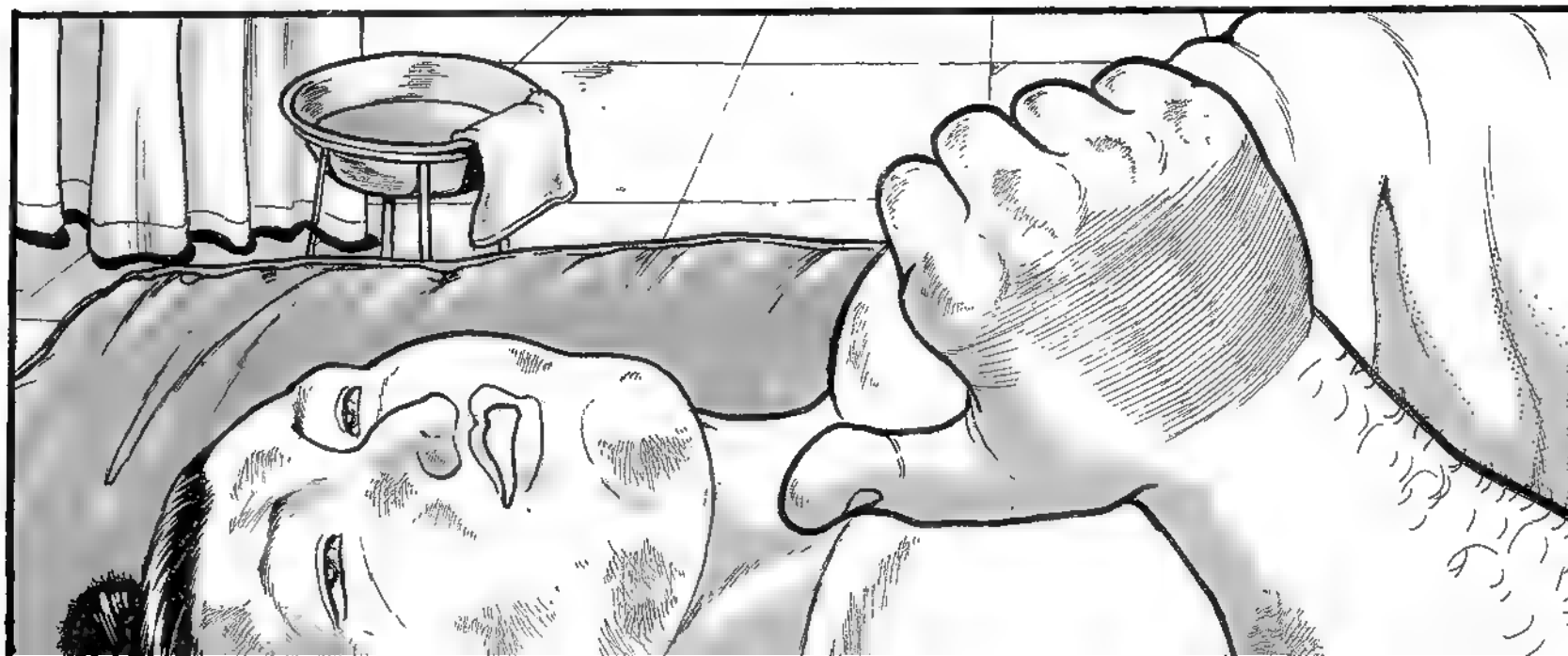
HA HA.

THANK YOU...


FLAP
FLAP


MEDICAL ROOM


I COULDN'T MAKE IT!!!
I'M SORRY, YOKOZUNA!!!



THE STRONGEST MARTIAL ART IN THIS WORLD, YOU ASK?

#291 Dagan

GRACIE JIU-JITSU... K-1... THERE ARE A MULTITUDE OF CHOICES...

BUT IF I HAD TO PICK ONE, THEN WITHOUT A DOUBT...

BUT...

...CHINESE KENPO.

...IT WOULD HAVE TO BE...

HA HI!

HA HI!

AH!

AH!
STAMP

AH!

FLAP...
FLAP...

HOW-
EVER...
DASH

...THE TERM "CHINESE KENPO"...

...VAST DISCIPLINE.

SCUFF

...COMPRISES A VAST, VAST...

...IS VERY, VERY...

...AND MASTERING ALL OF IT...

AND ACQUIRING...

...STRENUOUS AND ARDUOUS...

THIS ROCK, YOU ASK?

IT'S FROM A TRAINING CALLED *DAGAN—BOULDER BEAT.*

IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT THIS PERSON IS DOING...

HE IS CUTTING OFF THE CORNERS OF THAT BOULDER.

TURNING YOUR BODY INTO A TOOL...

TO STRIKE!

TO BREAK!

TO KICK!

TO PUNCH!

...BRINGING THE GIANT BOULDER CLOSER TO A SPHERICAL FORM.

LITTLE BY LITTLE... BIT BY BIT...

...CAN ESCAPE UNSCATHED.

...NOR FEET...

NEITHER HANDS...

OF COURSE, THE BOULDER IS HARD...

...BECAUSE THIS PERSON IS STILL INEXPERIENCED.

HOWEVER, THAT IS...

...HE WILL CONTINUE TO REFINE HIS SKILLS...

LIKE LAYERING THIN LAYERS ATOP ANOTHER...

...NO MATTER WHAT HE FACES.

...NEVER FALTERING...

...FOR AN IMMENSE PERIOD OF TIME...

KRUSH

AND ONLY THOSE WHO ENDURE THOSE INDESCRIBABLE HARDSHIPS...

CLASH

... WILL ACQUIRE SUPERHUMAN SPEED!

AND ONCE HE EARNS THAT SPEED...

...HIS HANDS AND FEET WILL SLICE THROUGH THAT HARD BOULDER LIKE A KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER.

IT IS TRULY A SIGHT TO BEHOLD.

LOOK FOR YOURSELF.

...THE GOD OF FISTS, KAIO RYU.

THIS DAGAN WAS CHOPPED UP BY NONE OTHER THAN...

...BY THE DEMON FIST, KAIO RETSU.

TWO YEARS AGO, A LUMP OF OBSIDIAN WAS TRANSFORMED INTO THIS INCREDIBLE DAGAN...

HOWEVER, CHINESE KENPO HAS A LONG HISTORY...

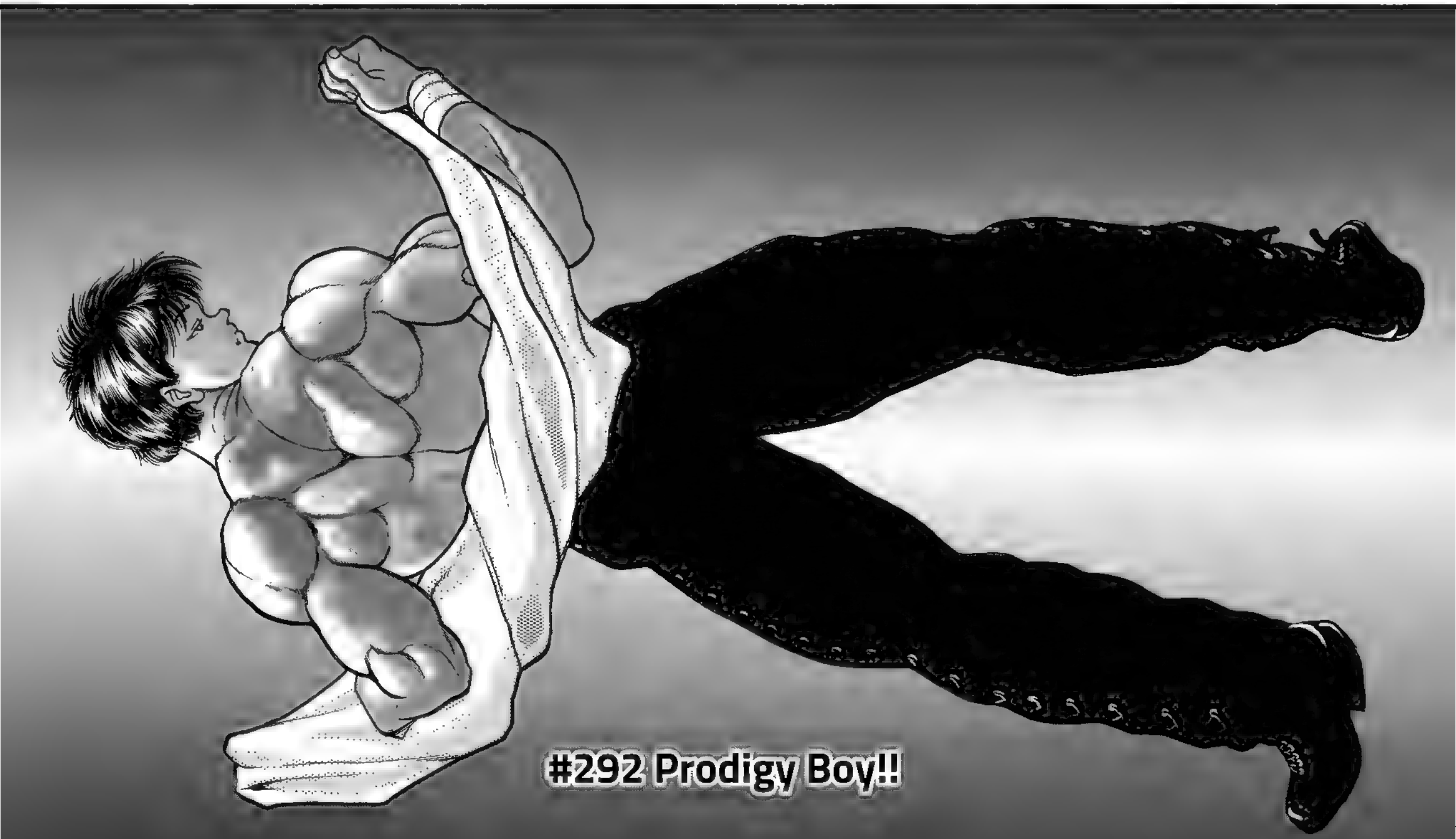
...AND THE CULMINATION OF THAT 4,000 YEAR LEGACY IS *SOMETHING UNBELIEVABLE.*

YES.

FROM THE BLUE DRAGON CORNER, KAIO RETSU!!!

IT'S ROUND THREE, MATCH TWO!

KAIO RETSU ENTERS THE ARENA FOR A THIRD TIME!!!


#292 Prodigy Boy!!

IT'S ALREADY BEEN FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE THEN, EH?

Y'KNOW HOW I'VE GOT CONNECTIONS ALL OVER?

MIZUNO GRAND CIRCUS

WELL, A PAL OF MINE LED A CIRCUS.

FLESH AND BLOOD

...YOU TEND TO SEE ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE.

WHEN YOU LIVE OVER FIFTY YEARS...

...LEFT DUMBFOUNDED.

BUT WHEN I SAW THAT KID, I WAS HONESTLY...

KA-LI-AAH

HE WAS JUST FIVE YEARS OLD.

THAT'S YOU...

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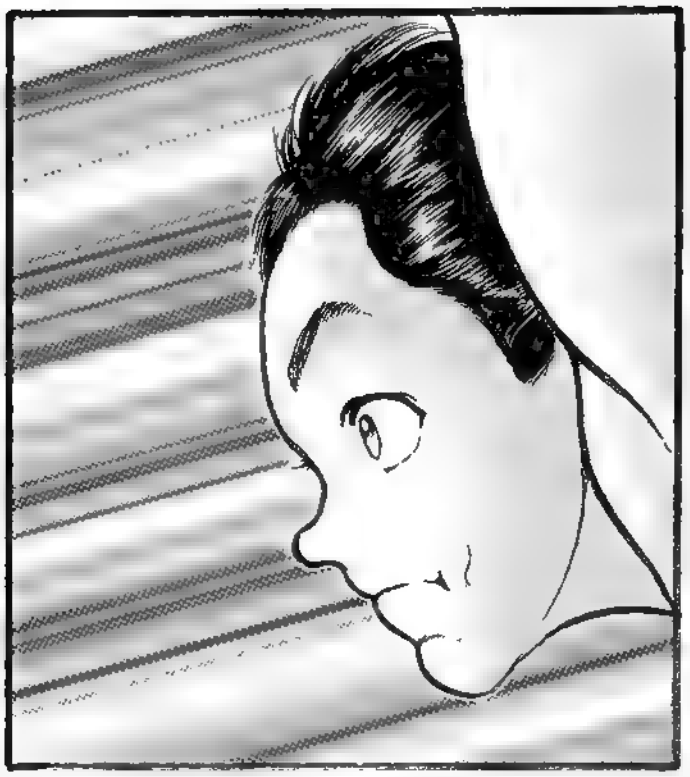

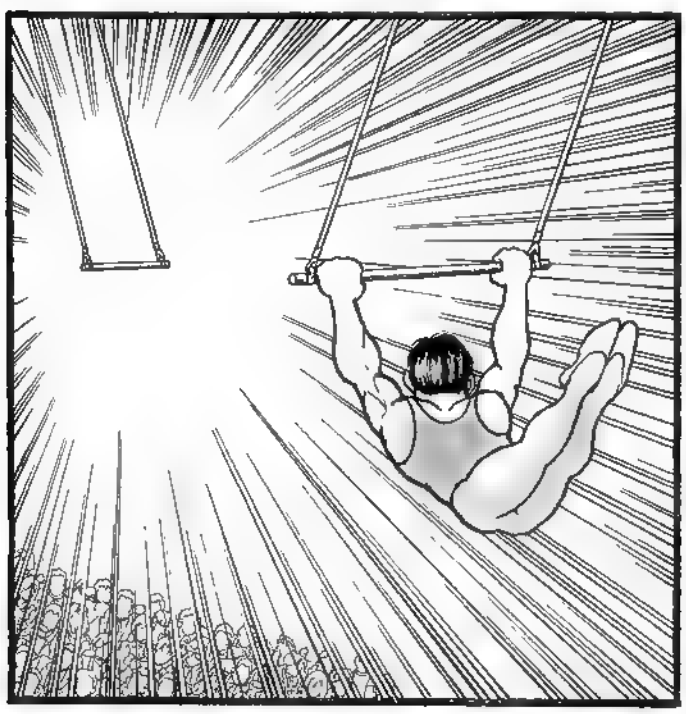

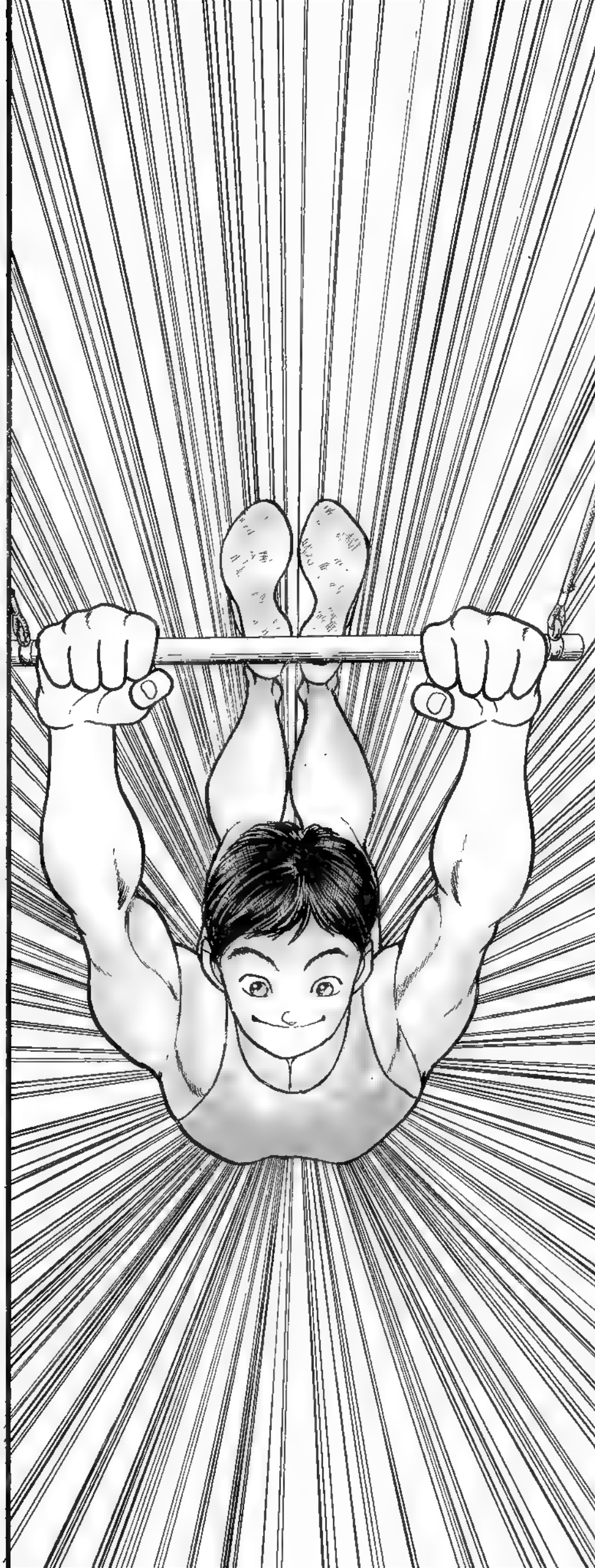

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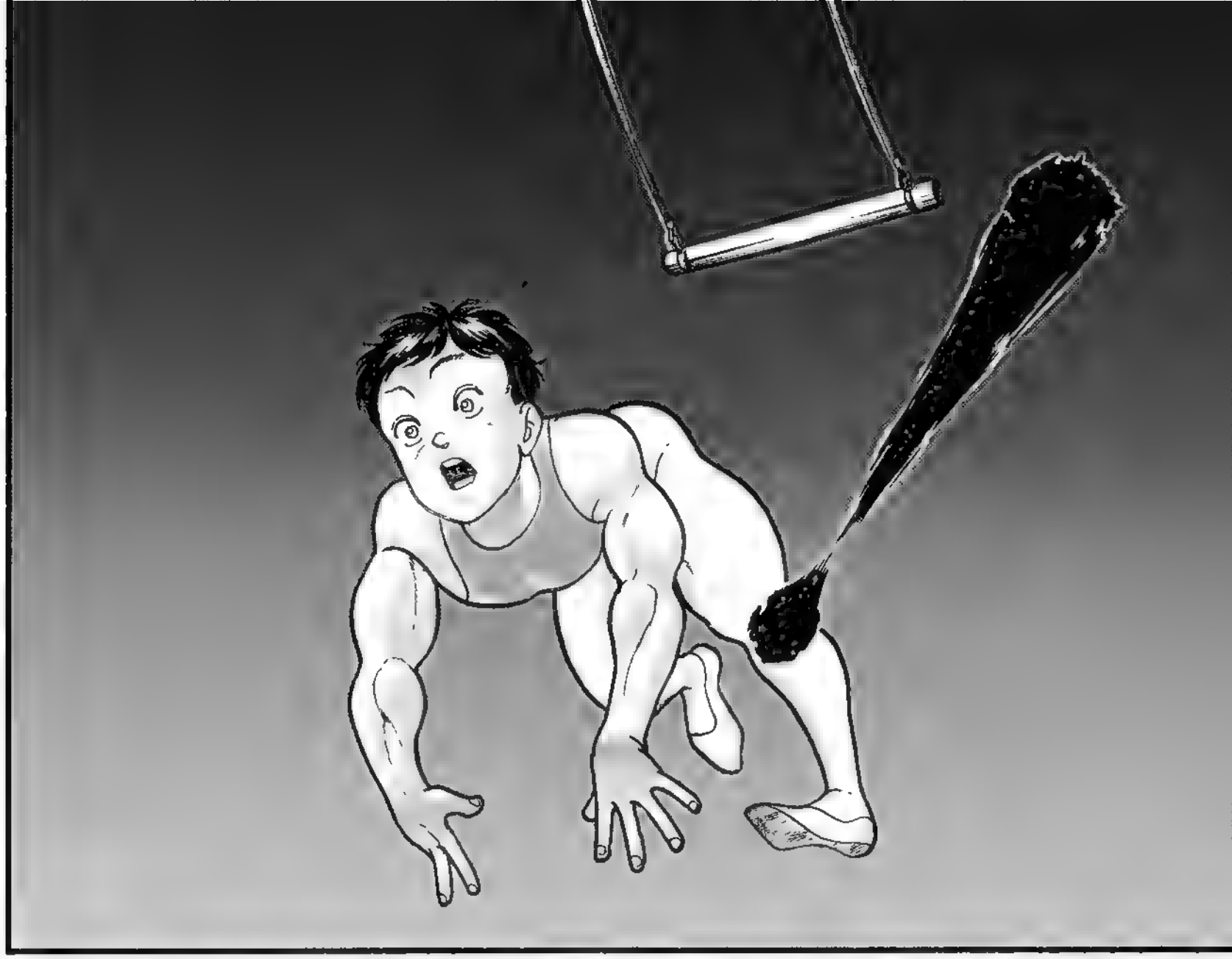

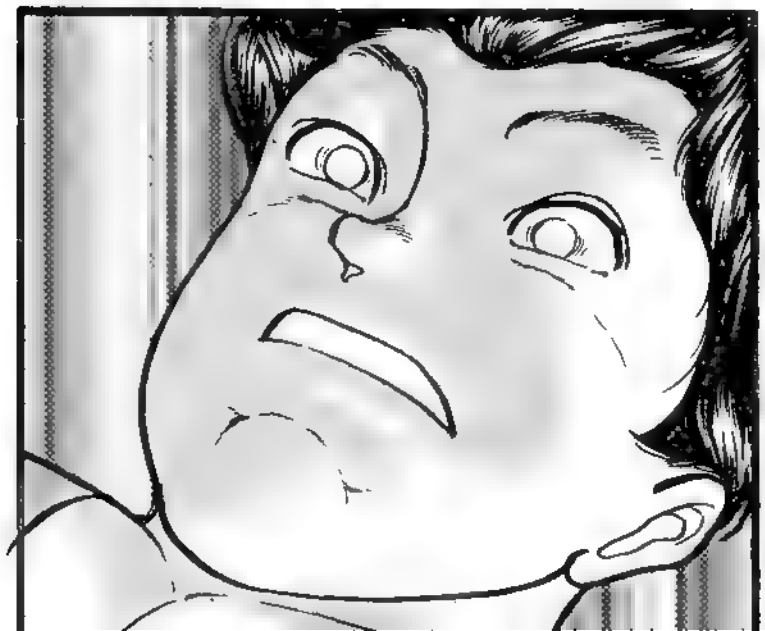

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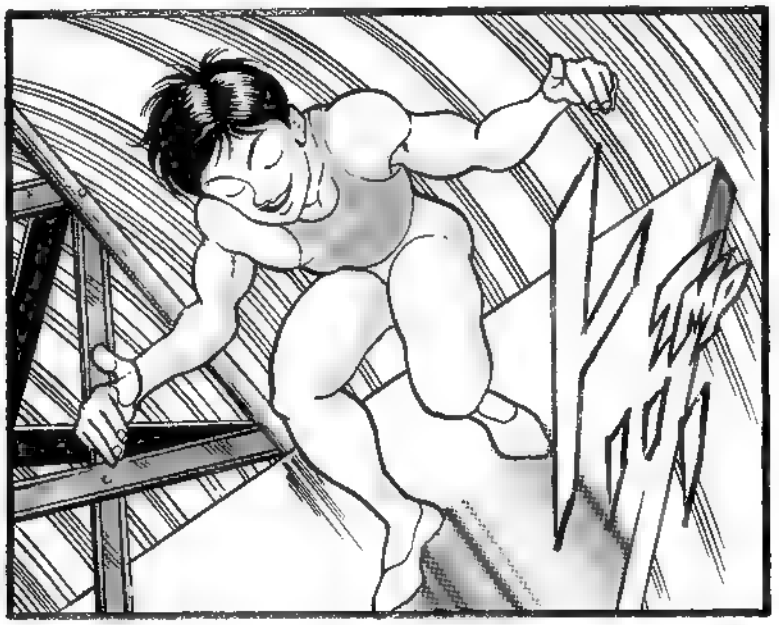
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THEY SAID IT'S BETWEEN TWO FIVE-YEAR-OLDS...

THEY-SAID THEY'RE BOTH THE SAME AGE, BUT...

BUT THE BIGGEST SHOCK HAS YET TO COME.

STREEEEK

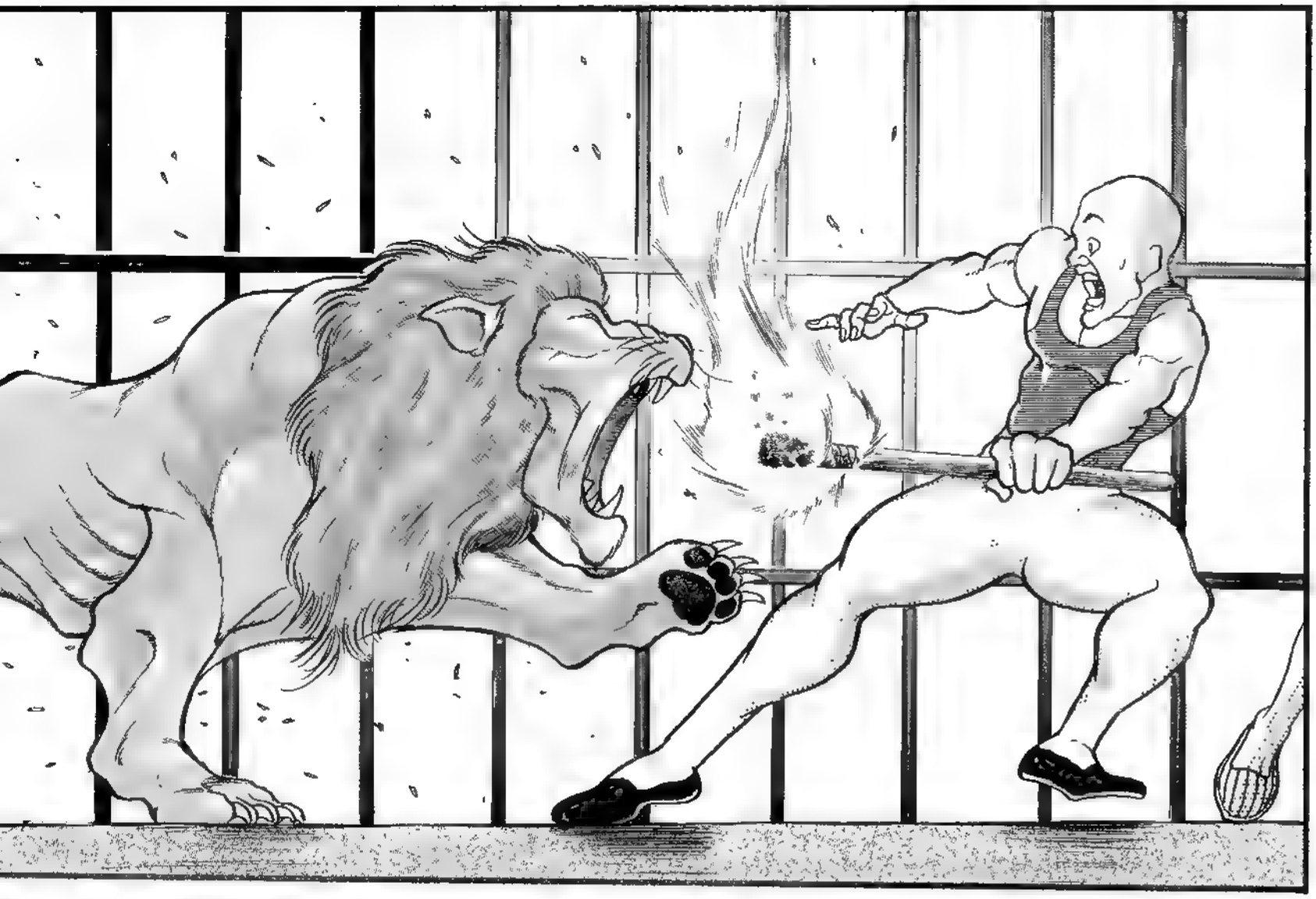
THEY SAID THEY'RE PLAYING TUG-OF-WAR...?

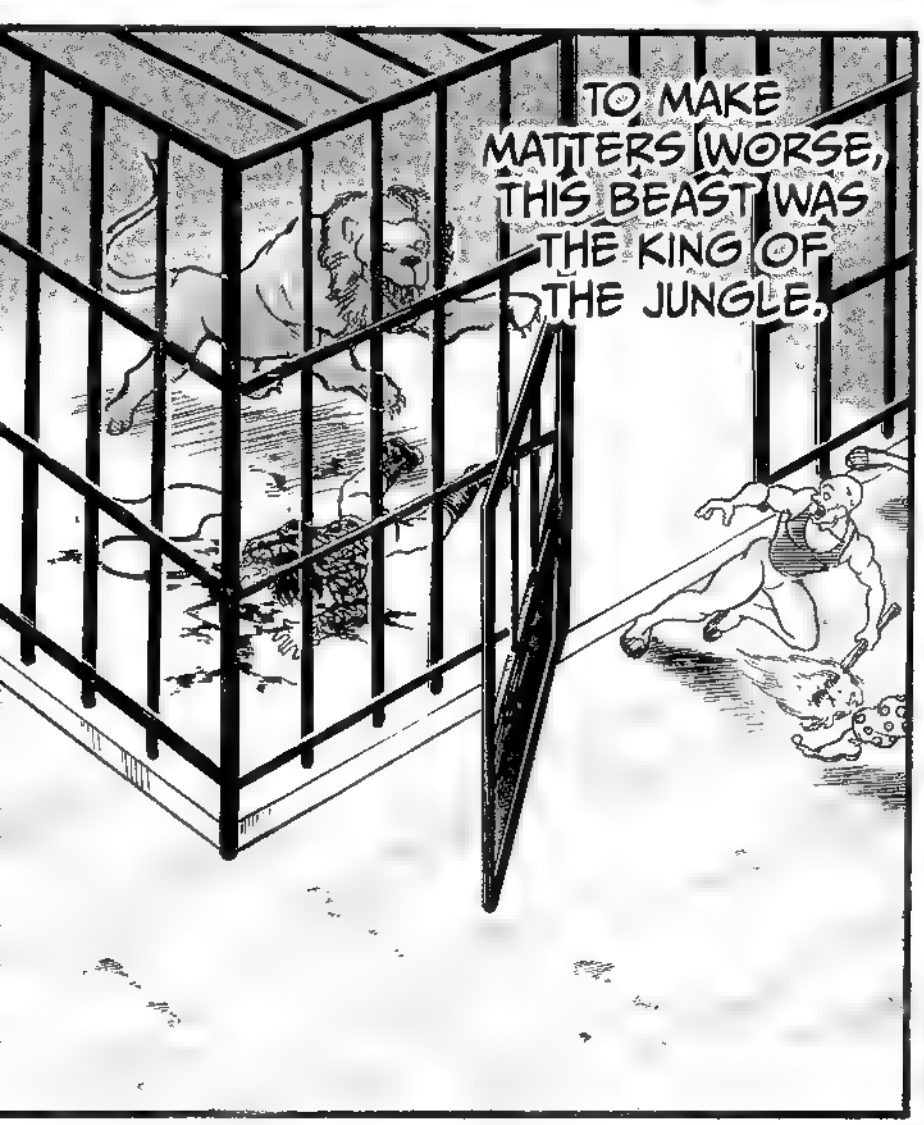
...I HEARD ACCIDENTS WOULD HAPPEN ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

AS WITH THE TRAPEZE EARLIER...

AND TODAY WAS ONE OF THOSE DAYS.

A CHAIN OF MISHAPS THAT WOULD COME ONCE EVERY FEW YEARS.



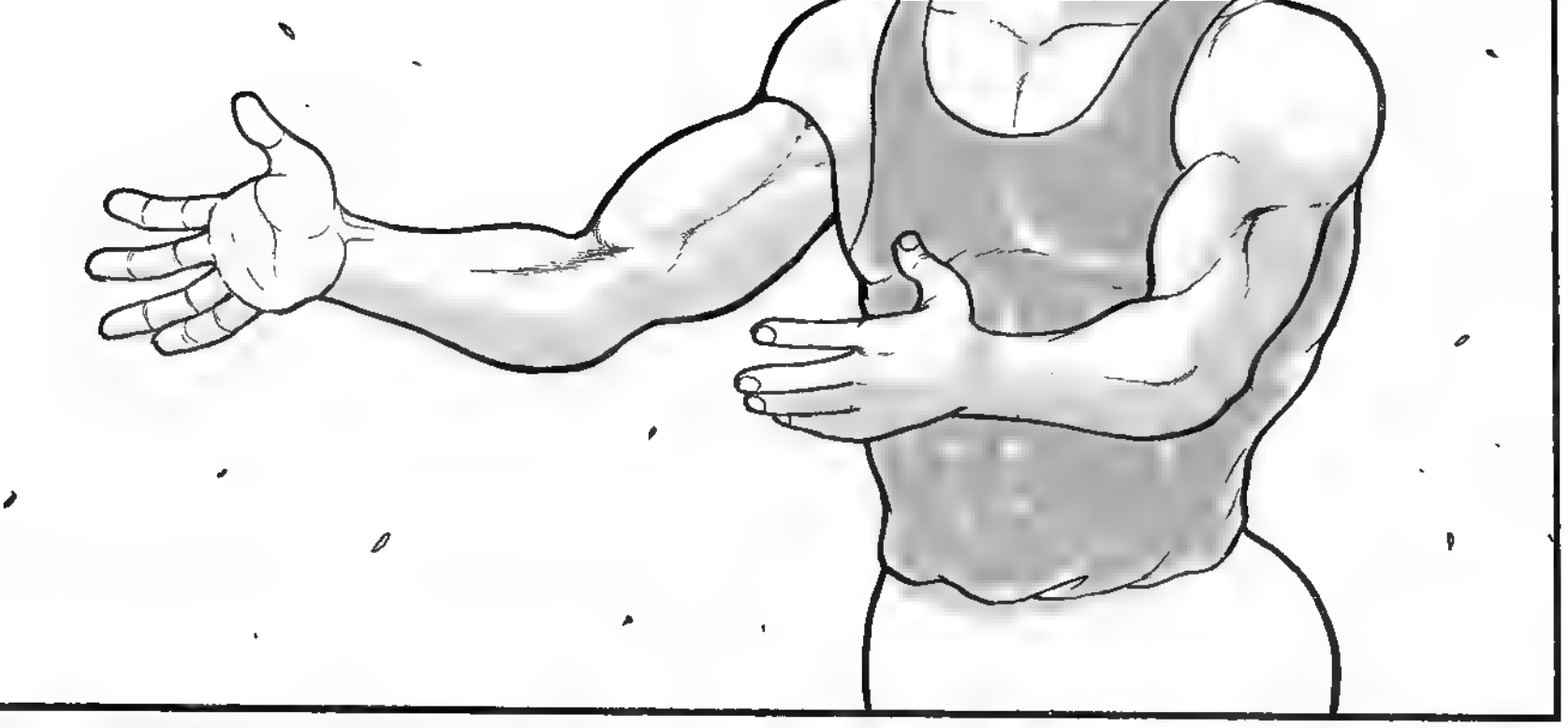

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THIS BEAST WAS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE.

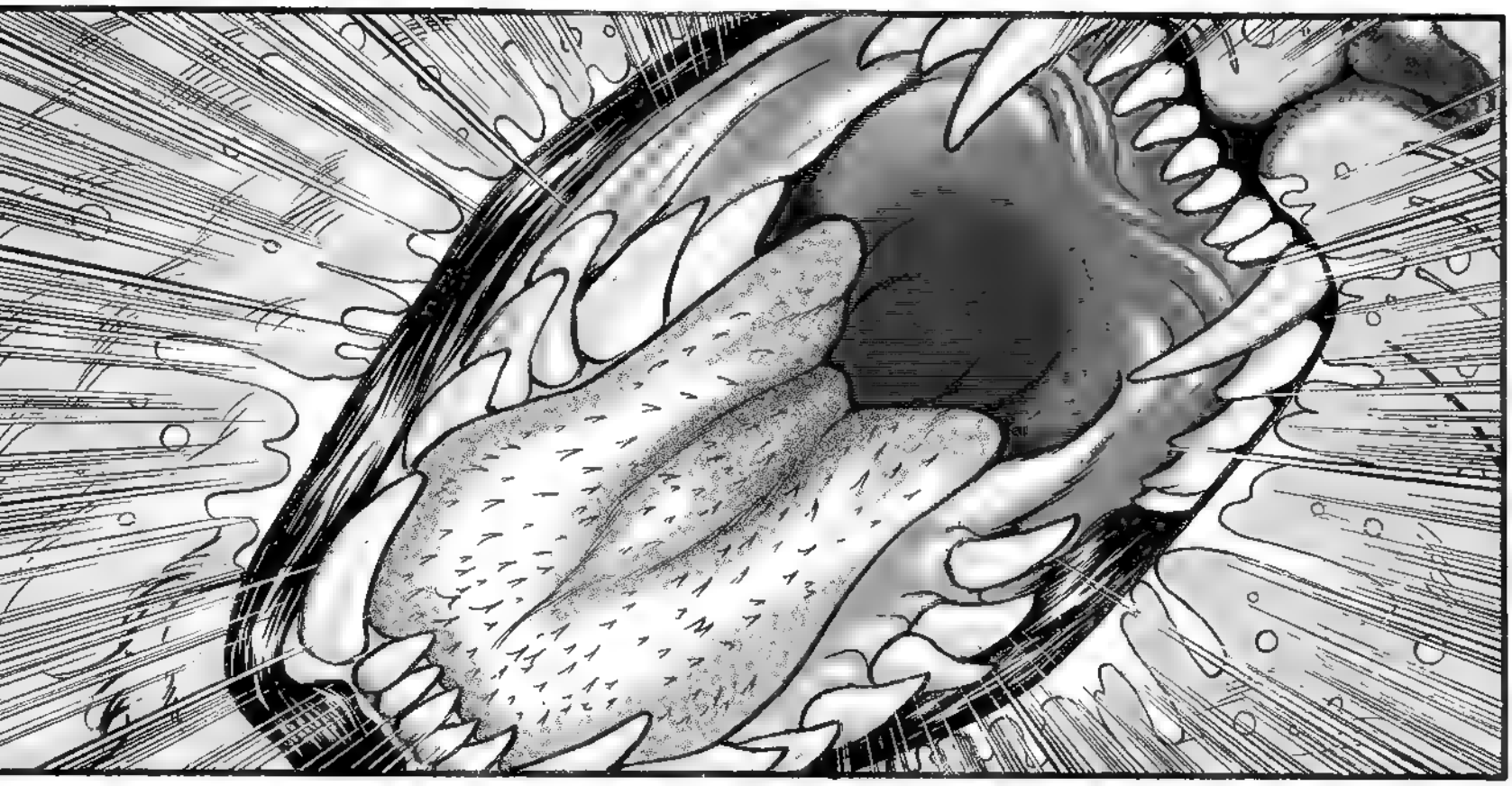
... THEY BECOME VICIOUS.
ONCE A BEAST IS RILED UP...

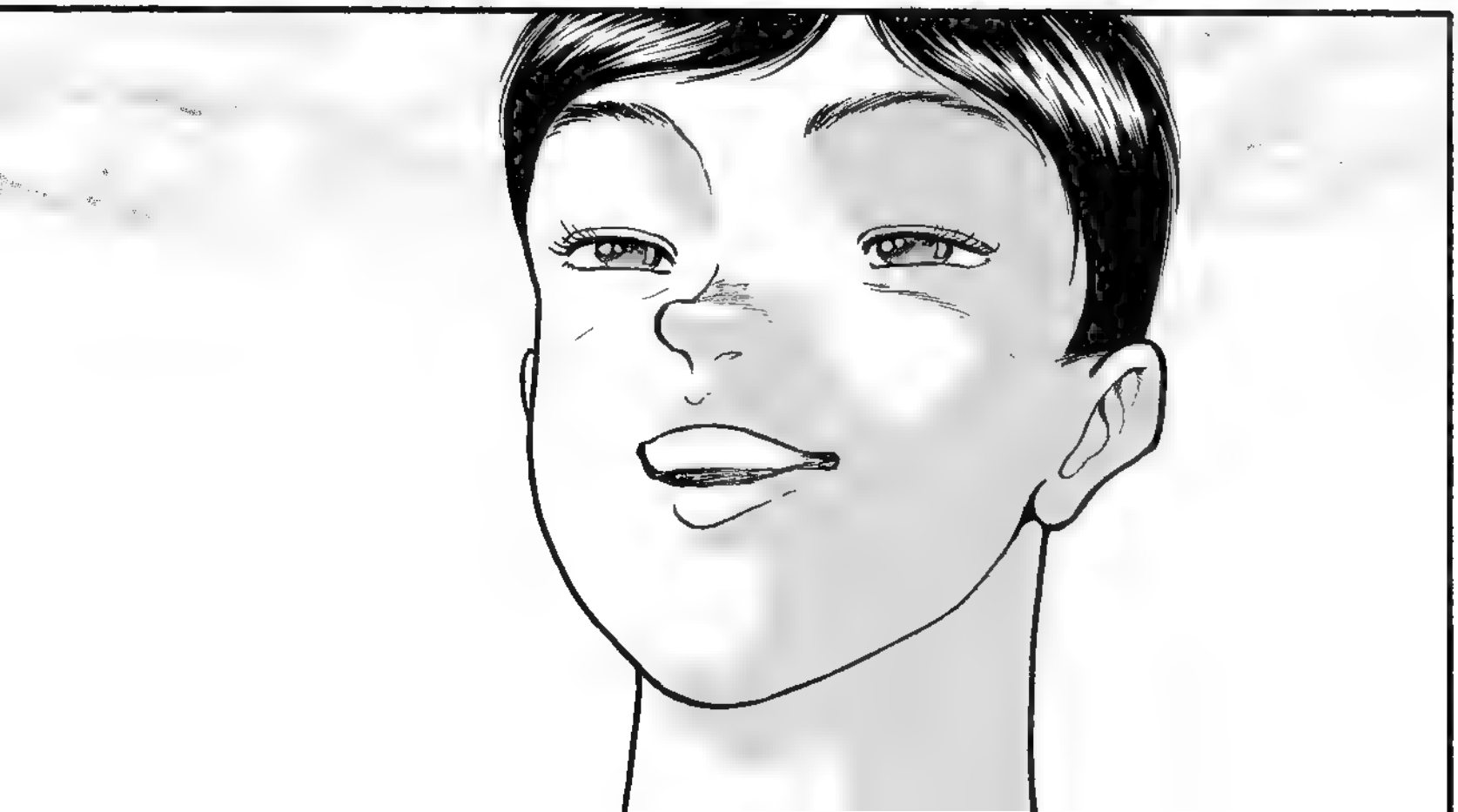
GUNS!

GET THE RIFLE!

A LION THAT NO ONE WAS ABLE TO PUT THEIR HANDS ON.







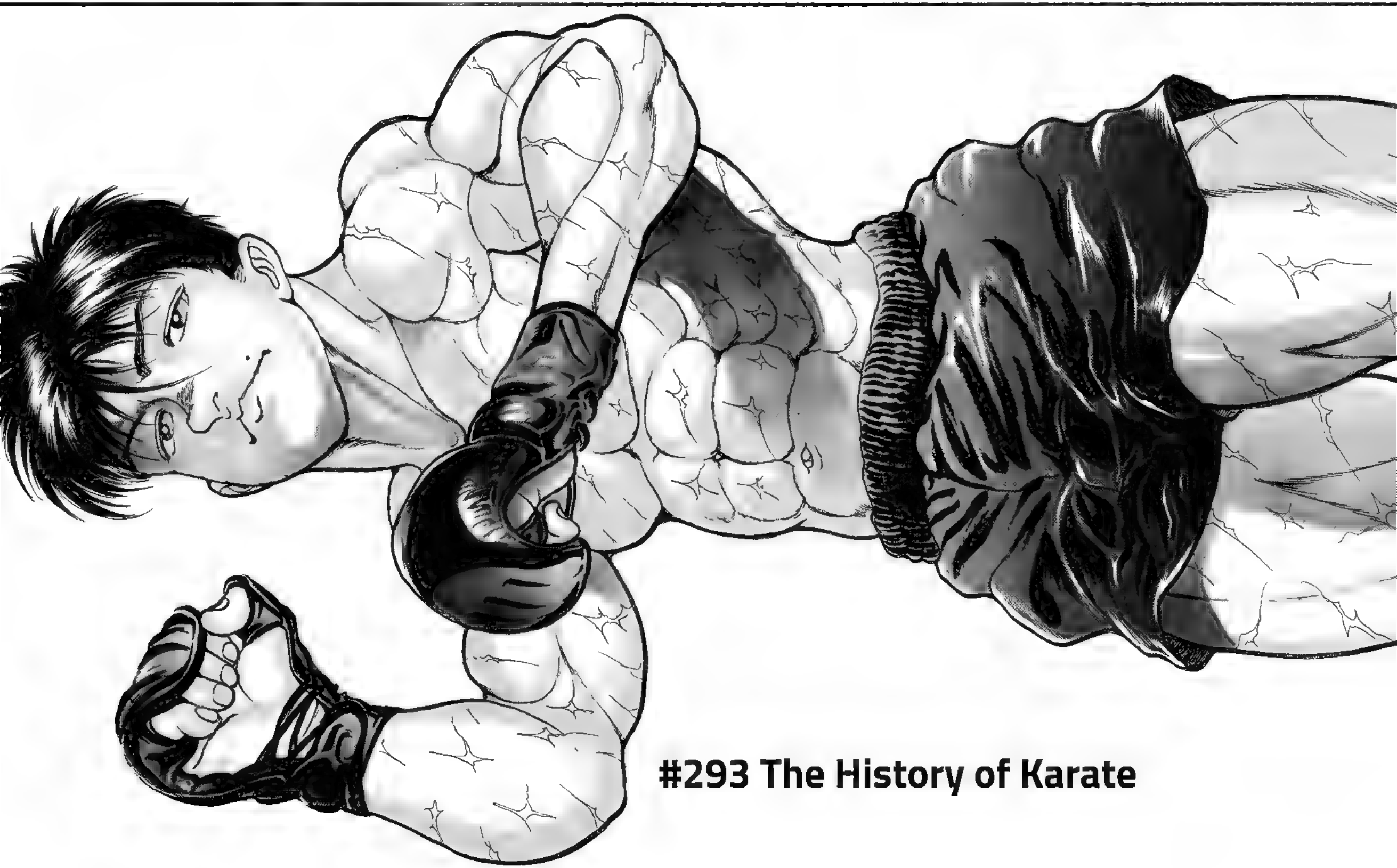
THAT FIVE-YEAR-OLD KID WHO JUST WATCHED HIS FATHER GET SLAUGHTERED BEFORE HIS EYES.
HE MANAGED TO MAKE IT DOCILE.

PLEASE, CARRY PAPA OUT.

HURRY...

FIFTEEN WHOLE YEARS AGO.

THAT WAS THE PRODIGY, KATSUMI OROCHI, AT FIVE YEARS OLD.



#293 The History of Karate

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VERY GOOD STUFF ...
GOOD STUFF ...

KATSUMI...

FAP

IT'S TOO LATE TO GIVE YOU ADVICE LIKE "DON'T LOSE YOUR COOL" OR "DO YOUR BEST."

本部 神心

THEY SAY THERE ARE CURRENTLY OVER TEN MILLION FULL-CONTACT PRACTITIONERS OF KARATE.

...I'VE PASSED DOWN ALL I COULD.

NOT ONLY AS YOUR FATHER, BUT AS YOUR TEACHER ...

NOW YOU, THE STAR OF THAT HOME, WILL FACE OFF AGAINST CHINESE KENPO'S REPRESENTATIVE.

SHINSHINKAI IS THE HOME OF PRACTICAL KARATE.

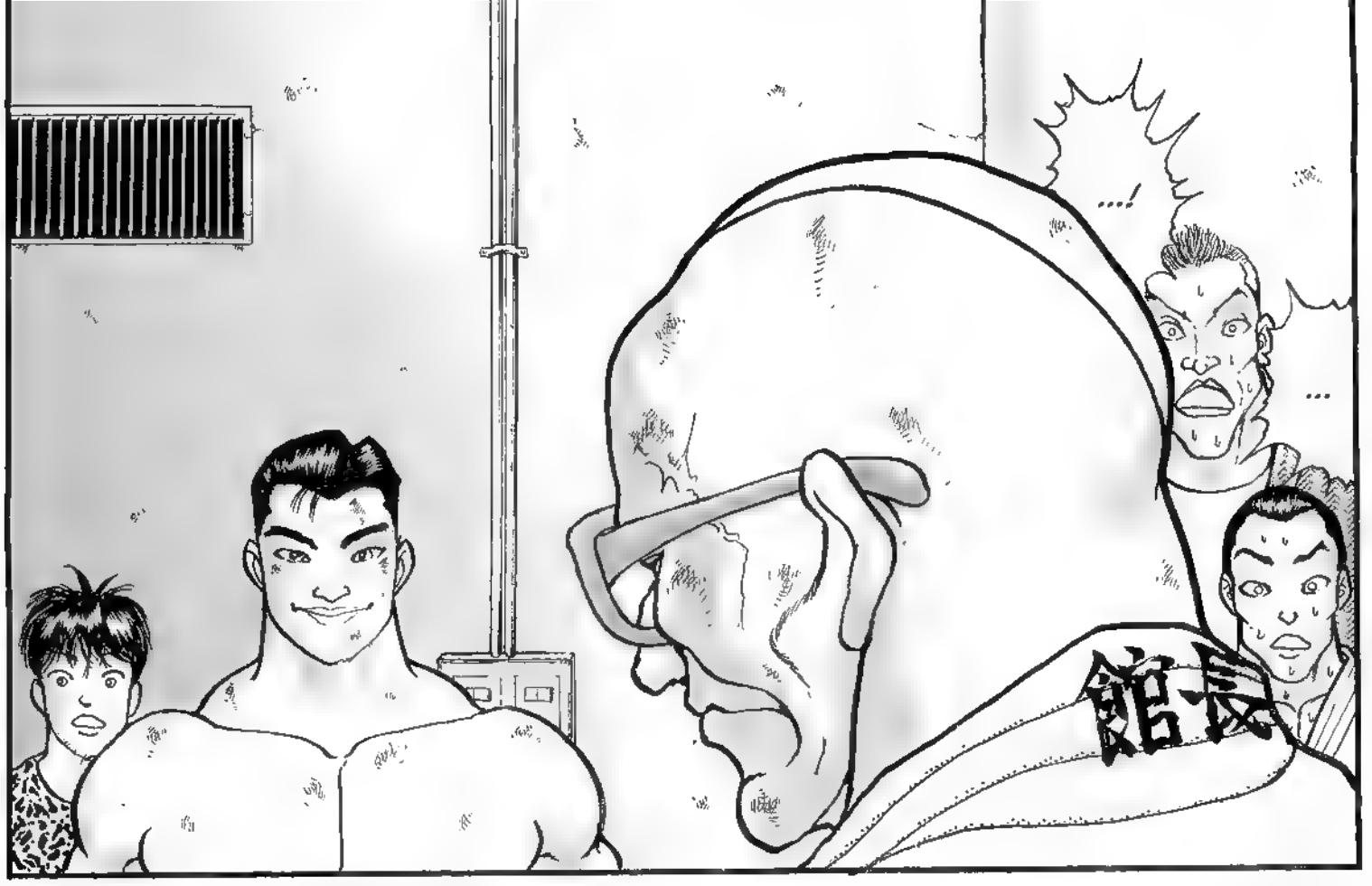
KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.

I STILL HOLD THE BELIEF THAT YOU ARE THE FINAL FORM OF MODERN KARATE.

...THEN IT MEANS THAT ALL OF KARATE'S HISTORY WAS FOR NOTHING.

IF KATSUMI OROCHI LOSES TO CHINESE KENPO, WHERE KARATE ORIGINATED FROM...

I'LL CLOSE UP SHOP.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I AGREE, DIRECTOR.

KRAAAH

HIS BACK RADIATES CONFIDENCE.

OHO.

FROM THE WHITE TIGER CORNER!

KATSUMI OROCHI!!!

YOU GUYS.

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JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH DISCIPLINE WILL FINALLY DETERMINE WHICH REIGNS SUPREME!

MODERN VERSUS CLASSIC!

KARATE OR CHINESE KENPO?!

HEIGHT: 176 CM
WEIGHT: 106 KG

HEIGHT: 186.5 CM
WEIGHT: 116 KG

...WANNA KNOW THE TAGLINE FOR THIS MATCH?

KAIO RETSU...

青青

THE NUCLEAR BOMB VS. THE BAMBOO SPEAR...

YOU...

YOU GOT THIS, CAPTAIN !!!

本部神

BOTH FIGHTERS, TO YOUR MARKS!

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青竜

BEGIN!!!

#294 Modern Karate vs. Chinese Kenpo!!

BEGIN !!!

MODERN KARATE VS. CLASSIC CHINESE KENPO!

THE CURTAIN IS ABOUT TO RISE ON ANOTHER EXCITING BOUT!!!

THUMP

OOH! LOOK AT THAT!

KATSUMI OROCHI ADOPTS A WIDE STANCE!

A... A SUPER-SONIC FIST RIGHT OFF THE BAT!

IN THAT UNFORGETTABLE SECOND ROUND, HE SLAUGHTERED THE LEGENDARY BRAWLER, HANAYAMA!

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S POISED TO DELIVER ANOTHER MACH PUNCH!

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EIGHT JOINTS ARE USED TO PERFORM THE MACH PUNCH!

THOSE JOINTS ARE ACCELERATED AT THE SAME TIME, CREATING A SEIKEN STRAIGHT WITH ENOUGH VELOCITY...

...TO TRULY SURPASS THE SPEED OF SOUND!!!

WILL THE ANSWER TO THIS MODERN ATHLETICISM BE FOUND WITHIN KUNG-FU'S 4,000 YEARS OF HISTORY?!

MODERN KARATE IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!

FACED WITH KATSUMI PREPARING TO DELIVER THAT SINGLE STRIKE...

...THE MAN OF THE FIST, KAIO RETSU...

THAT KID LOVES HAVING FUN, BUT HE'S DONE WITH THAT.

青龍

...HAS YET TO ASSUME ANY STANCE!!!

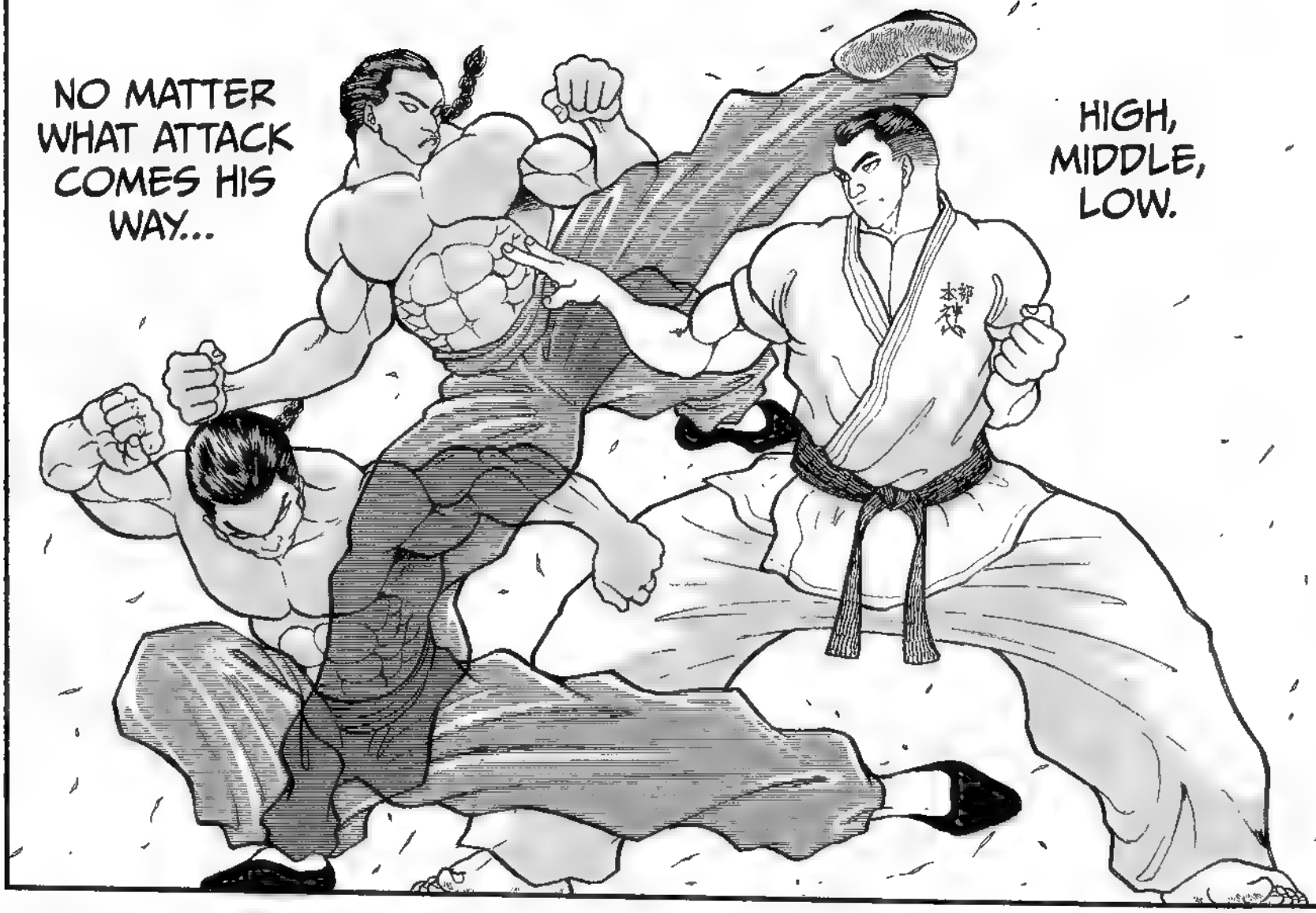
青龍

本部神心八

NOT EVEN I CAN EMULATE IT.

THAT SUPERSONIC PUNCH IS A WHOLLY ORIGINAL MOVE— A *KATSUMI-RYU* TECHNIQUE, SO TO SPEAK.

THIS RETSU FELLA'S GOT THE WORST LUCK.


NO MATTER WHAT ATTACK COMES HIS WAY...
HIGH, MIDDLE, LOW.

...HE'LL BE ABLE TO COUNTER IT!!!

SHH

SHH

SHHH

SHH

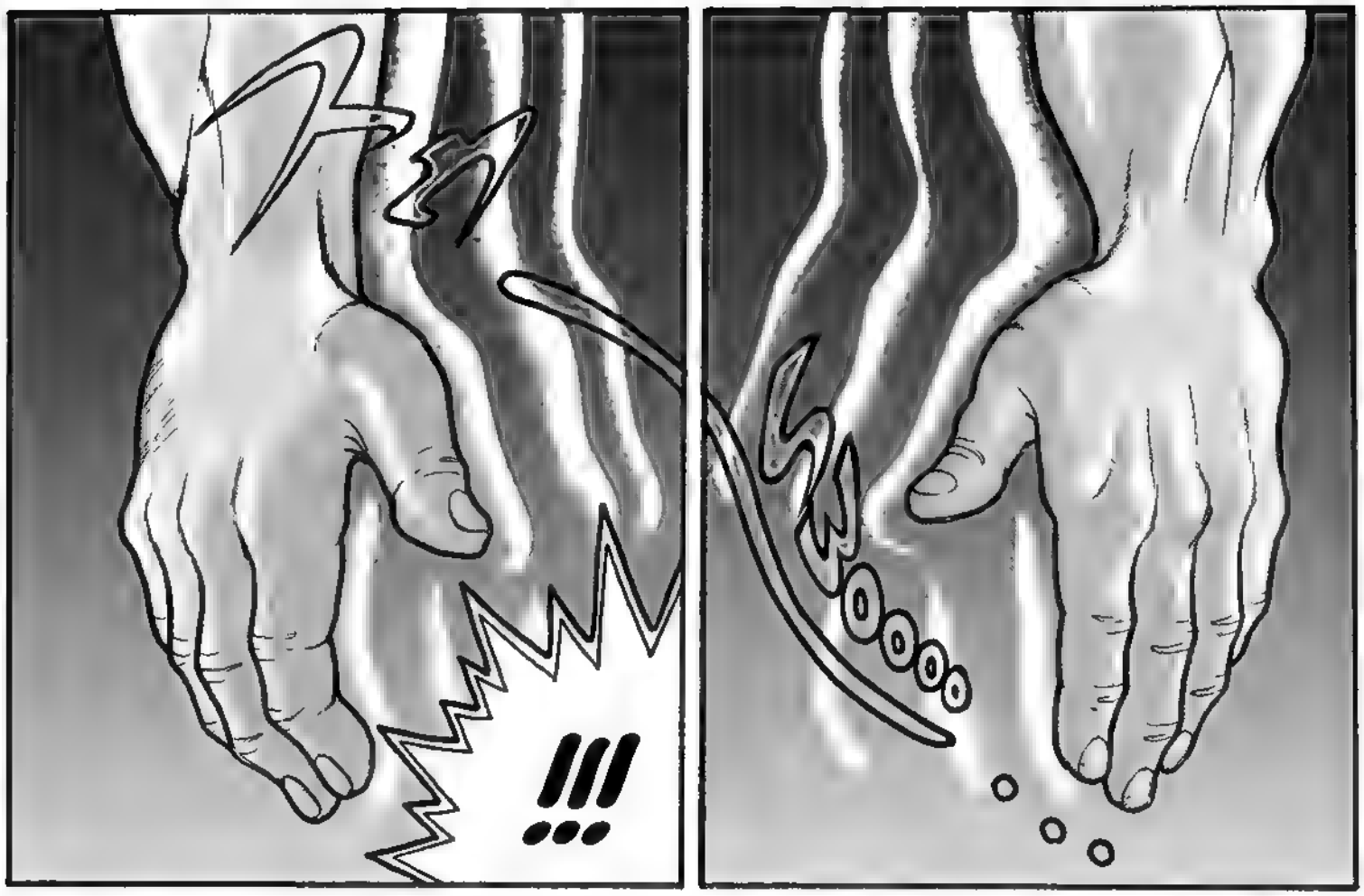
OOH!

KATSUMI IS SLOWLY CLOSING THE DISTANCE!

SHH...

HE ISN'T CONTENT WITH JUST WAITING!

WHAT WILL CHINESE KENPO DO ABOUT THIS?!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HE'S MADE A MOVE!!!
HE...
...!

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KAIO RETSU HAS MADE HIS FIRST MOVE!

...

HUH ...?

WHAT...

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS...?!

KAIO RETSU'S UPPER BODY!

IT'S PUFFED UP LIKE A BALLOON ...!!!

THAT MOVE...!!!

THE EARDRUM-BURSTING ATTACK THAT GAIA USED?!

IS THAT THE MOVE I SAW FOUR YEARS AGO IN HOKKAIDO?

!!!

PSH

WHA
...?!

W...

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

...!

SOMETHING INVISIBLE JUST HIT KATSUMI IN THE FACE?!

LURCH

...!

DOAH!

KA-

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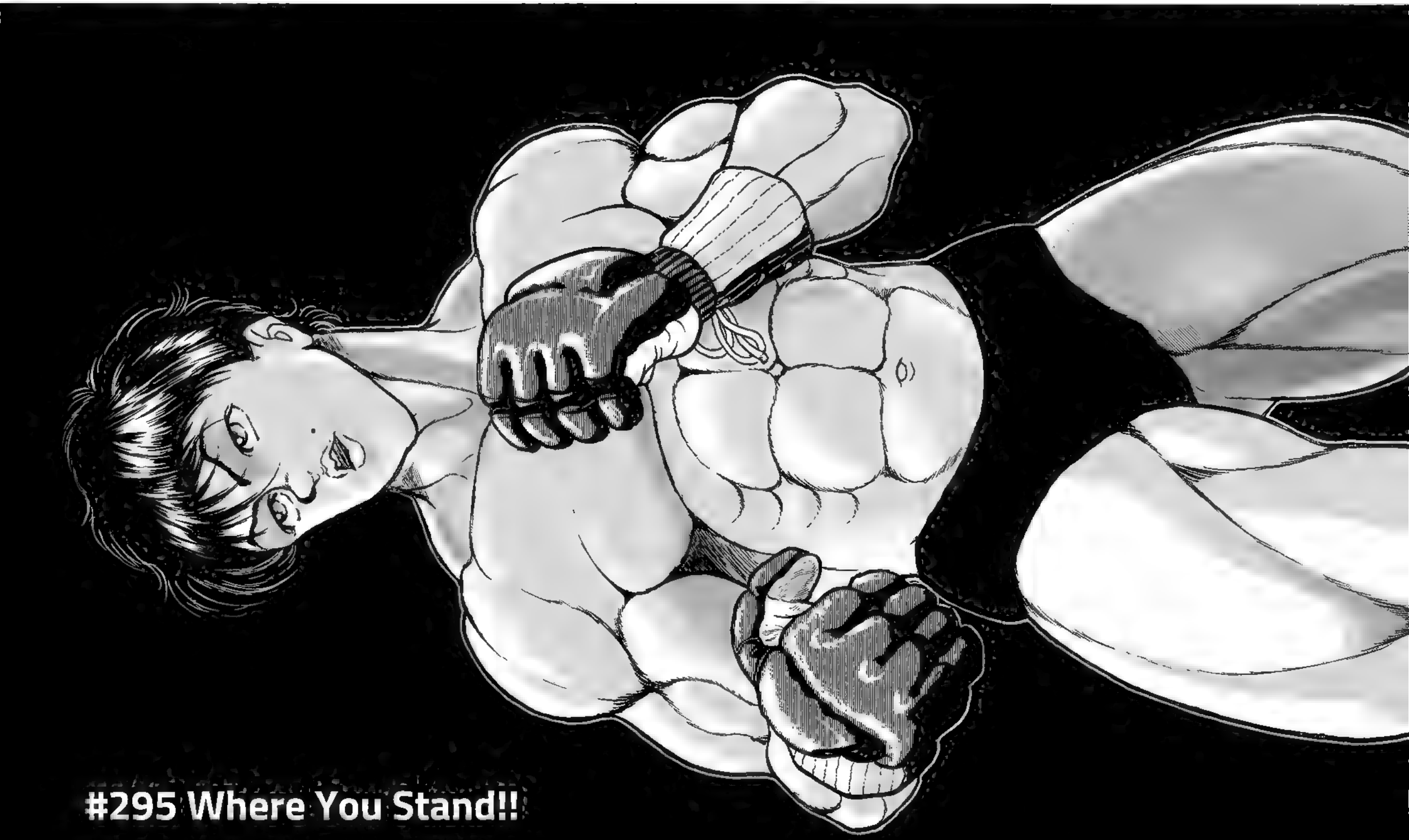
THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

MODERN KARATE HAS BEEN BESTED!

KA'BAM!!

THE MACH PUNCH HAS BEEN BEATEN!



#295 Where You Stand!!

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CHINESE KENPO IS TRULY TERRIFYING!

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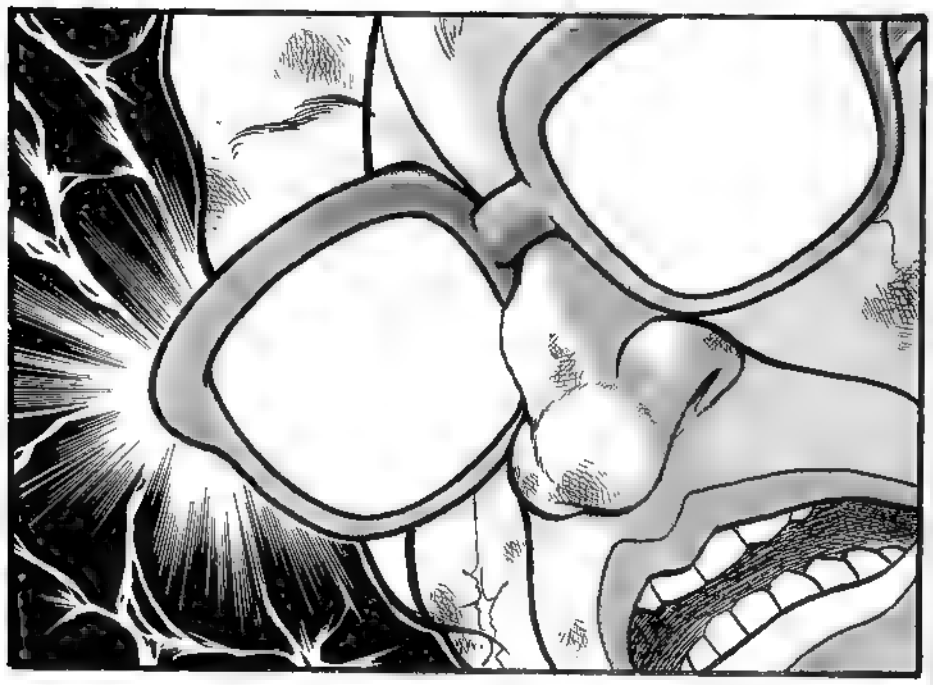
MODERN KARATE HAS BEEN BESTED!

...HAS BEEN CUT DOWN BY A HEAD-ON COUNTER!

THE ULTIMATE MOVE SAID TO BE THE VERY ESSENCE OF MODERN KARATE, THE MACH PUNCH...



IS THIS...

IS...

IS THIS THE TRUE POWER OF CHINESE KENPO?!

KOFF!

MODERN KARATE HAS HAD THE TABLES TURNED ON IT IN AN UNPRECEDENTED UPSET!!!

WHO COULD'VE GUESSED THAT THERE WAS THIS BIG OF A POWER GAP?!

BUT THE MATCH IS OVER!

THE OUTCOME HAS ALREADY BEEN CALLED!

OOH!

WITH FAINT BREATHS, KATSUMI ...

...IS CRAWLING BACK TO THE ARENA!

THE ESSENCE OF MODERN ATHLETICISM !!!

THAT IS WHAT YOU ALL SAID, IS IT NOT?!

KATSUMI !!!

THE MATCH IS OVER, KATSUMI !

I WILL PRAISE KARATE USERS FOR ACHIEVING THAT MUCH IN A MERE CENTURY OR SO.

MACH SPEED BY SIMULTANEOUSLY ACCELERATING THE JOINTS USED IN A STRAIGHT STRIKE!

HOWEVER, KATSUMI OROCHI!

...WE SURPASSED 2,000 YEARS AGO!!!

ALL THAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED...

ALLOW ME TO SAY ONE THING.

CHINESE KENPO HASN'T PASSED EVERYTHING DOWN TO KARATE!!!

...KARATE SIMPLY COULD NOT WIN.

THEREFORE, IN A BOUT AT THIS POINT IN TIME...

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I MUST APPLAUD YOUR FORTITUDE, FOR STILL BEING ABLE TO STAND AFTER TAKING MY STRIKE HEAD-ON.

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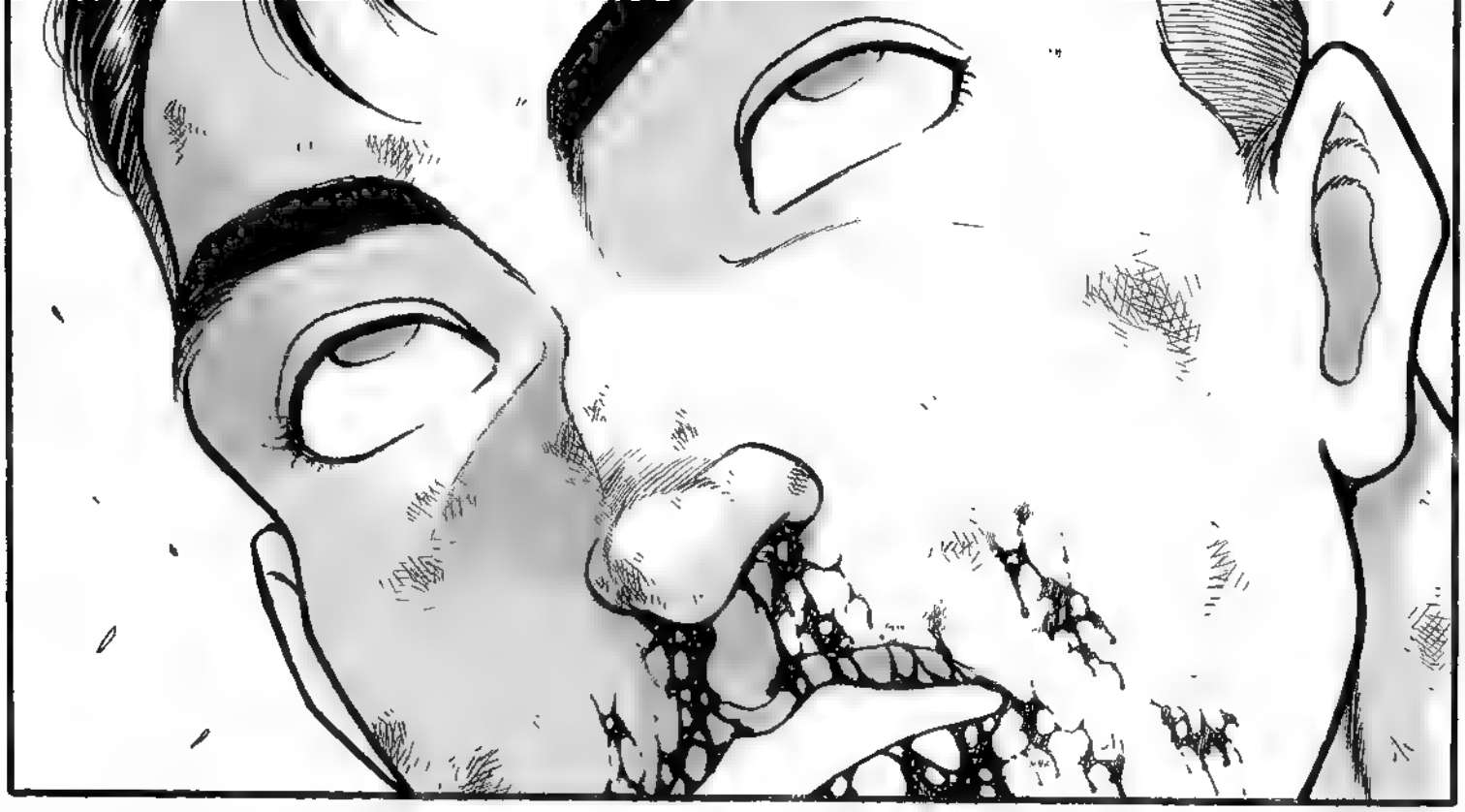

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AND THAT'S IT! THE MATCH IS SEALED !!!

I DON'T KNOW *WHAT* THE NOBLE ELDER IS THINKING...

THIS WEIGHS A TON!

GRK...

WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE!

GRM

GRM

DESPITE THE FACT THAT ALL OF THE FIGHTERS LEFT IN THE THIRD ROUND HAVE FIERCELY FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO THEIR SPOTS...

...ALEXANDER GALLEN, WHO JOINED MIDWAY, REMAINS UNSCATHED!

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Woooo

THE MAN HIMSELF HAS OBJECTED TO THAT HANDICAP!

AND SO THE ORGANIZER, MR. MITSUNARI TOKUGAWA, HAS SUDDENLY PRESENTED US WITH A SPECIAL MATCH!

AHHHHHH

SHMP

FROM THE WHITE TIGER CORNER!

THE YASHA APE ISN'T HERE ANYMORE!

WHO IS HE GONNA FIGHT ?!

青竜

ALEXANDER GALLEN!
VS.!!!

IT'S YOUR PROBLEM NOW, DAMMIT!

OKAY! LET'S OPEN HER UP!

IS EVERY-ONE UP TOP ?!

FROM THE BLUE DRAGON CORNER!!!

#296 Special Match!!

EVERYONE UP TOP?!
OKAY! LET'S OPEN HER UP!

BAAAH! IT'S YOUR PROBLEM NOW, DAMMIT!!!
SHRRRK

WASHK
WASHK

FROM THE BLUE DRAGON CORNER !!!
...
...

H-HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

MAYBE IT FELL ASLEEP.

IT'S NOT COMING OUT...

...

IDIOT, DON'T TRY IT!

IDIOT, DON'T TRY IT!

JUST TAKIN' A LI'L PEEK. ♡

GULP

?!

HUH?

WHAT'S COMING OUT OF THE BLUE DRAGON CORNER?!

ARGH!

YEEK!

KA-CHOMP

SHWOOF

W-WHAT IS THIIIIS?! IT'S A GIANT SNAKE!

I-IT'S...

...SWAL-LOWING A PERSON!

JUST HOW FAR IS THE UNDERGROUND ARENA'S MAXIMUM TOURNAMENT WILLING TO GO?!

OH FUCK, IT'S EATING SOMEBODY!

ARE YOU SERI-OUS?! THIS IS NO JOKE!

HEH HEH, THIS IS WORTH TWO ROUNDS IN ONE MATCH...

...ALEXANDER GALLEN ISN'T FLINCHING IN THE SLIGHTEST!!!

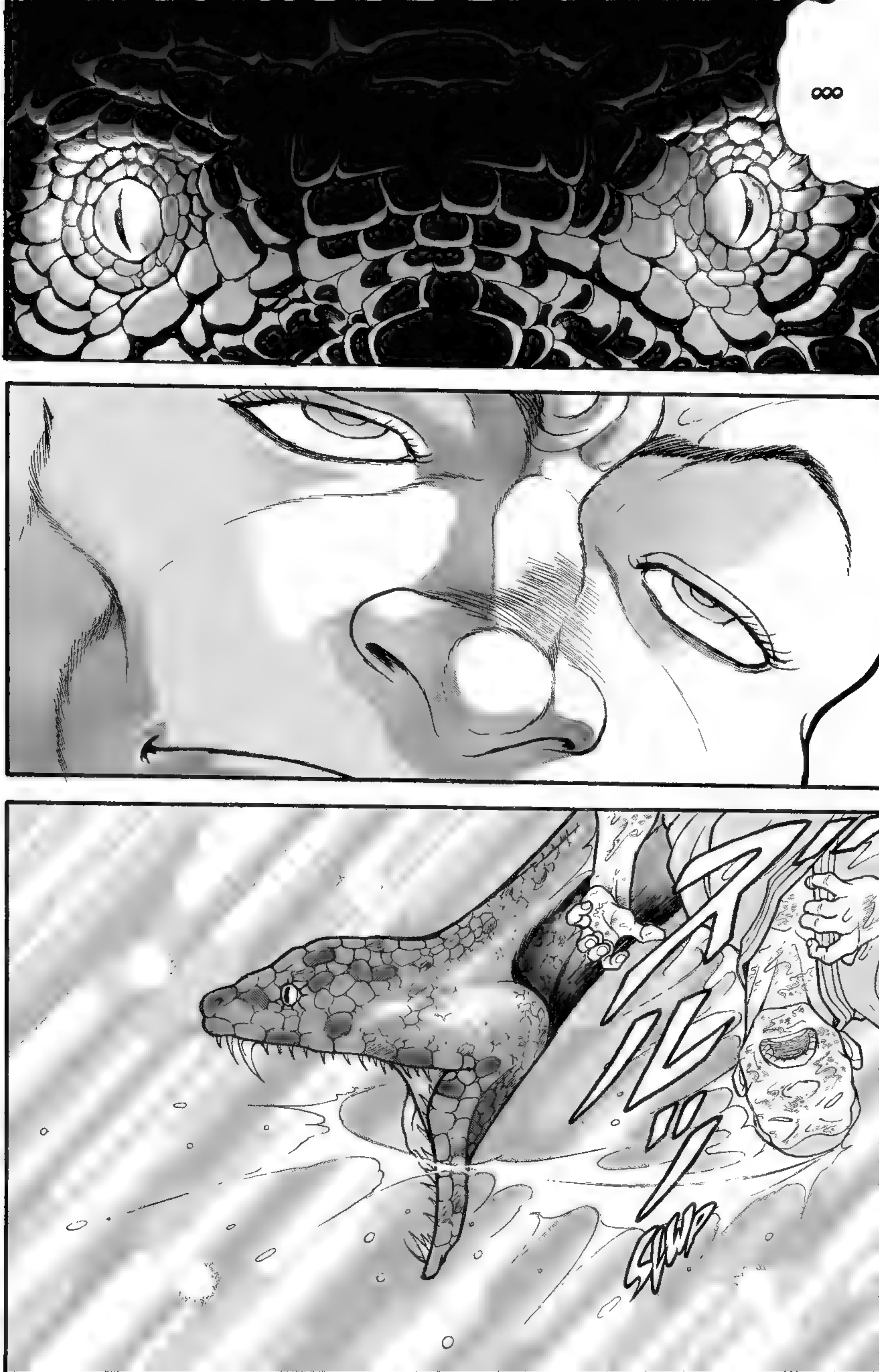
DESPITE BEING FACED WITH THIS SUPER ABNORMAL SITUATION...

HEIGHT: 200 CM
WEIGHT: 169 KG

IS HE PLANNING ON FIGHTING IT?!

YES, IT LOOKS LIKE GALLEN IS GOING TO TAKE ON THE ANACONDA!!!

HEIGHT: 14-15 M?!
WEIGHT: 250 KG (+65 KG)



I-IT'S FAST!

THE ANACONDA DIVES IN FIIIIRST!

KACHOMP

HE'S EXPOSED HIS OWN IRON FORE ARM TO ITS FANGS!

WHAT IS GALLEN THINKING ?!

GRAB

HOW WILL THE ANACONDA REACT?!

A-
A SUPLEX
!!!

SKRASH

SSSSS

...!!!

HE'S REALLY USING WRESTLING AGAINST AN ANACONDA!

GRAK

SHNK

A BACK THROW!

THUD

GRRK

IT'S ACTUALLY WORKING!

GALLEN'S WRESTLING IS WORKING AGAINST AN ANACONDA!!!

THERE'S A HIP THROW!

ILL BREAK

GNARR

GRAWR

I-IT'S CAUGHT HIIIIM!

SLASH

SKR
SKR
SKR

KA-SLAM!

ALEXANDER GALLEN IMPRESSIVELY ADVANCES TO THE THIRD ROUND.

THE MATCH IS OVER!

#297 Monster Showdown 1

SHOOP

HE'S...

KAH!

THE MATCH IS OVER!

THE RUSSIAN GIANT, ALEXANDER GALLEN!!!

SO STRONG!

WHAT A MONSTER!

HE'S TOO STROOOONG !!!

...AND IN THE END, LIKE A DEVA KING GRINDING A LOWER DEMON UNDER HIS HEEL IN ANCIENT PAINTINGS...

FACED WITH AN ANACONDA, THE GREATEST REPTILE ON EARTH...

...HE TRAMPLED THE ANACONDA'S HEAD FLAT!!!

WOW ...

WELP... THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED WOULD HAPPEN.

...THIS MAN ARMED HIMSELF WITH ONLY HIS SKILLS AS A WRESTLER...

...THEN THINGS ARE GOING TO GET UGLY.

BUT IF HIS OPPONENTS THINK THAT GALLEN'S STRENGTH IS IN HIS WRESTLING SKILLS...

PLEASE, FEEL FREE TO TAKE A BREATHER IN THE DRESSING ROOM.

G-GOOD WORK, MR. GALLEN.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT MY STAMINA, THEN YOUR CONCERNS ARE UNNECESSARY.

I AM TIRED OF WAITING.

THIS INSTANT !!!

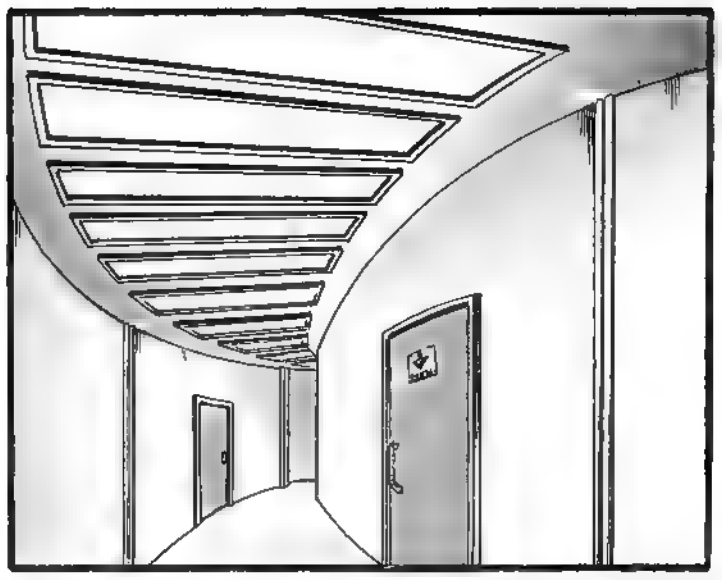
LET ME FIGHT THAT MAN!!!

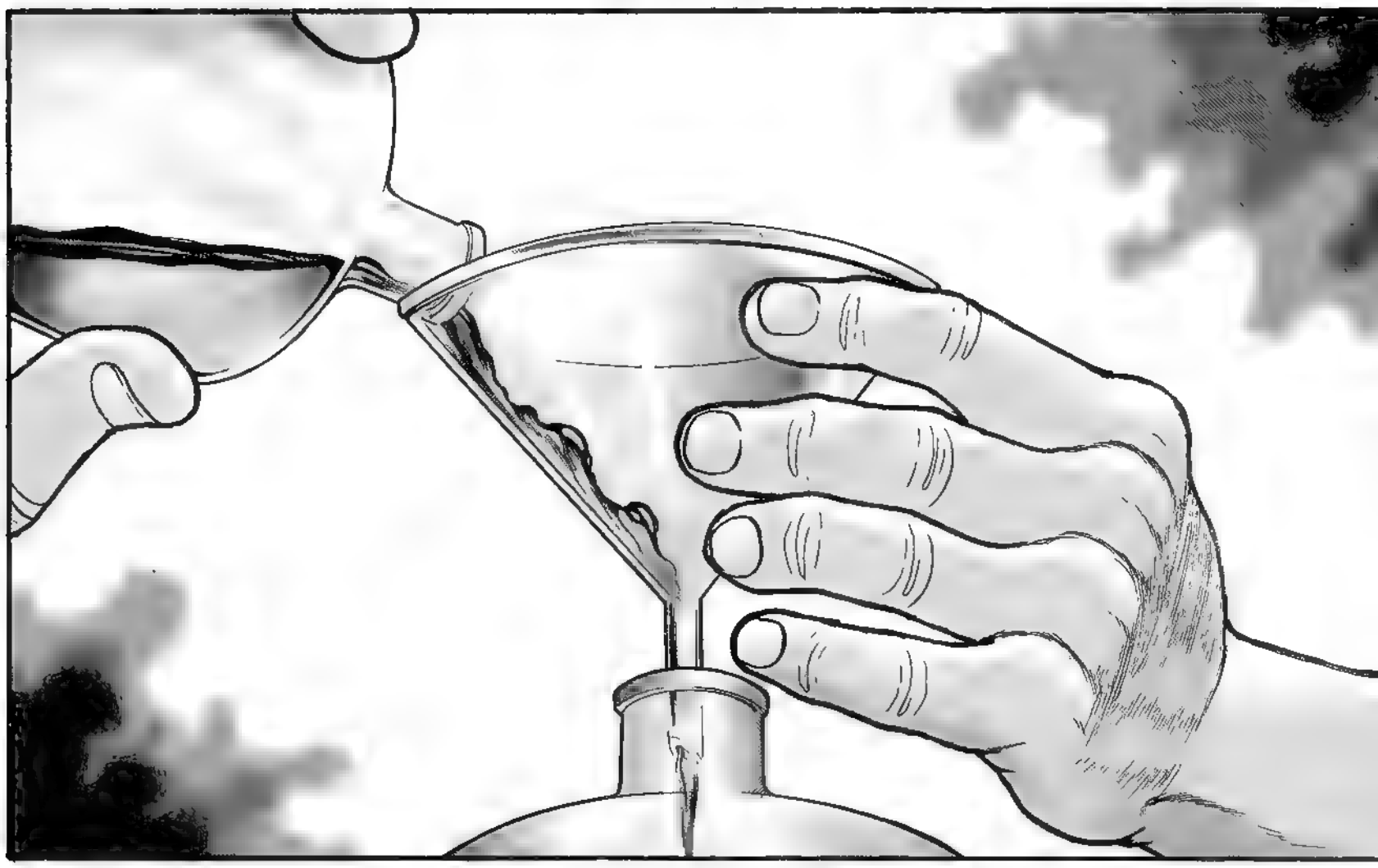
...!

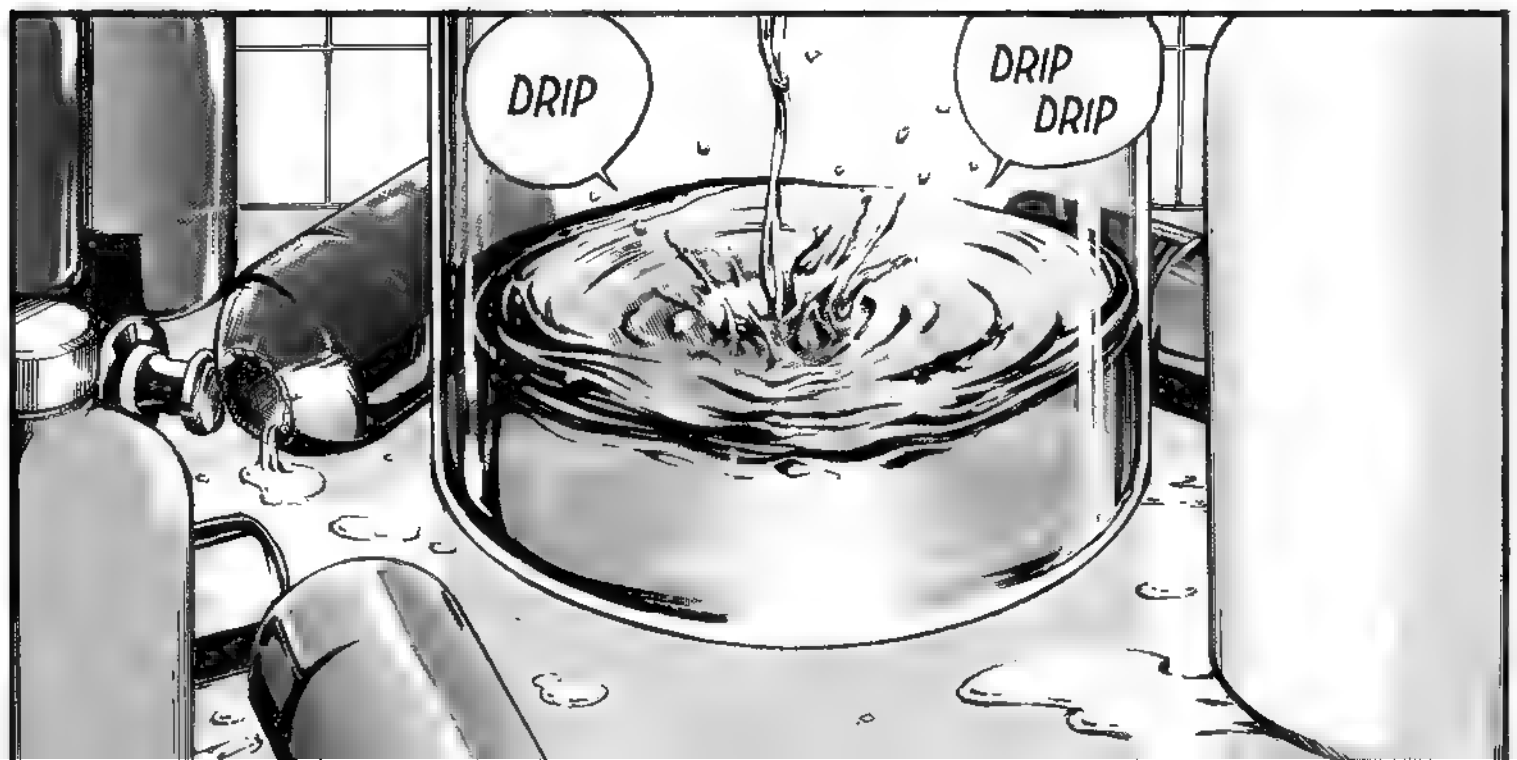
GALLEN IS SEETHING WITH ANGER!!!

HE'S FLOWN INTO A RAGE!

MEN



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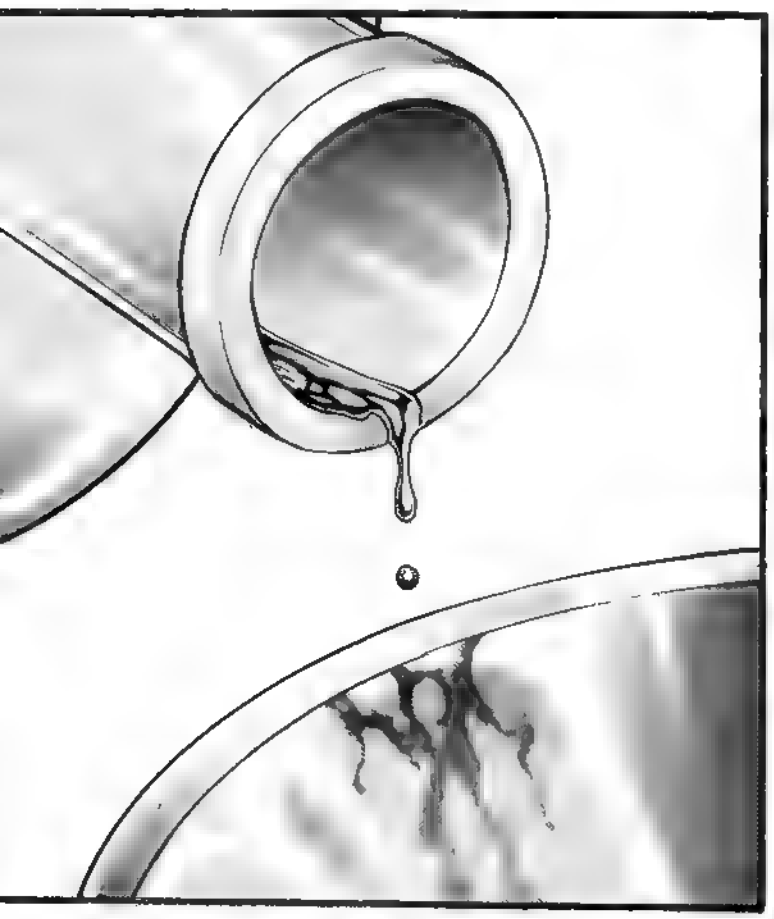

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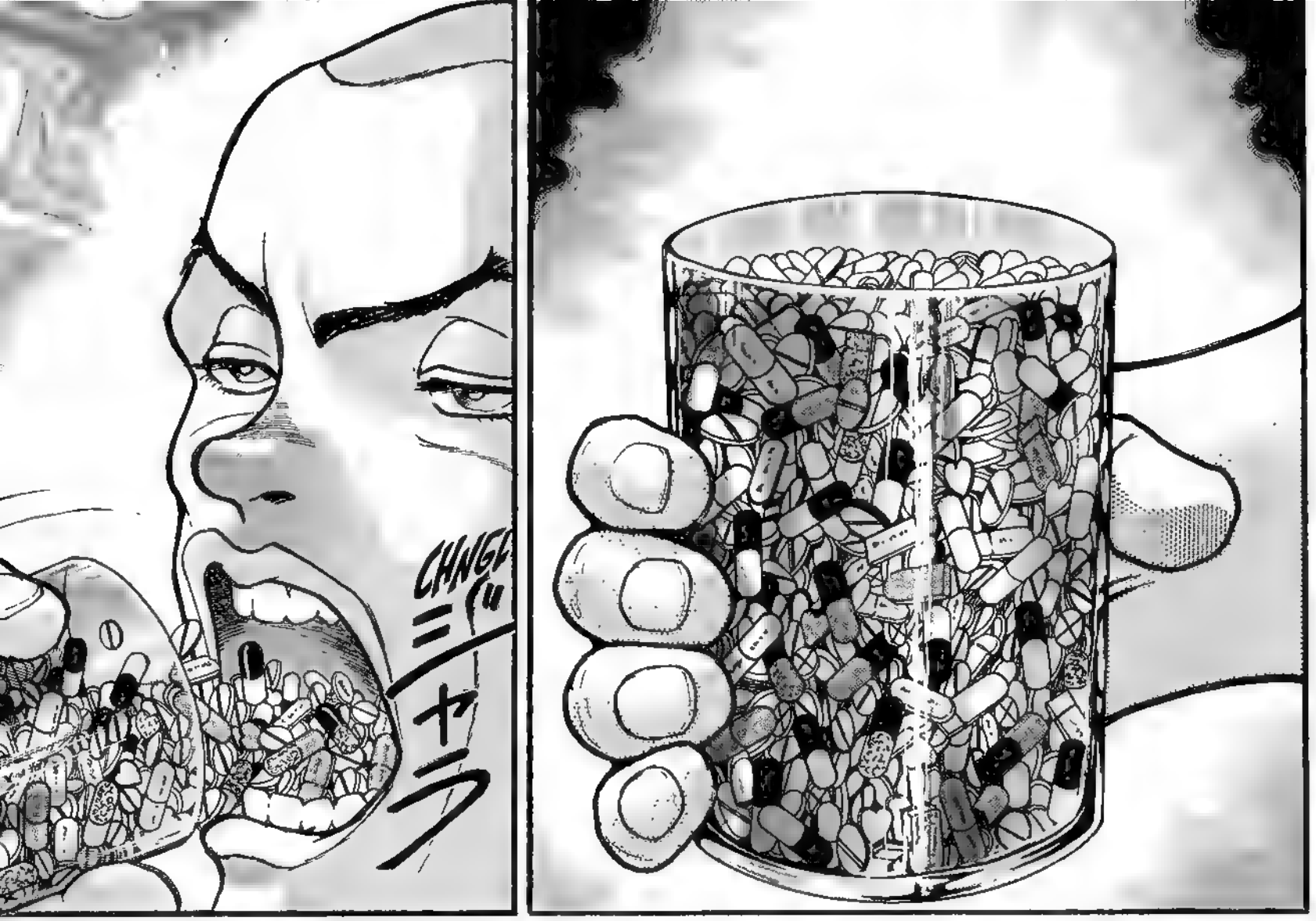
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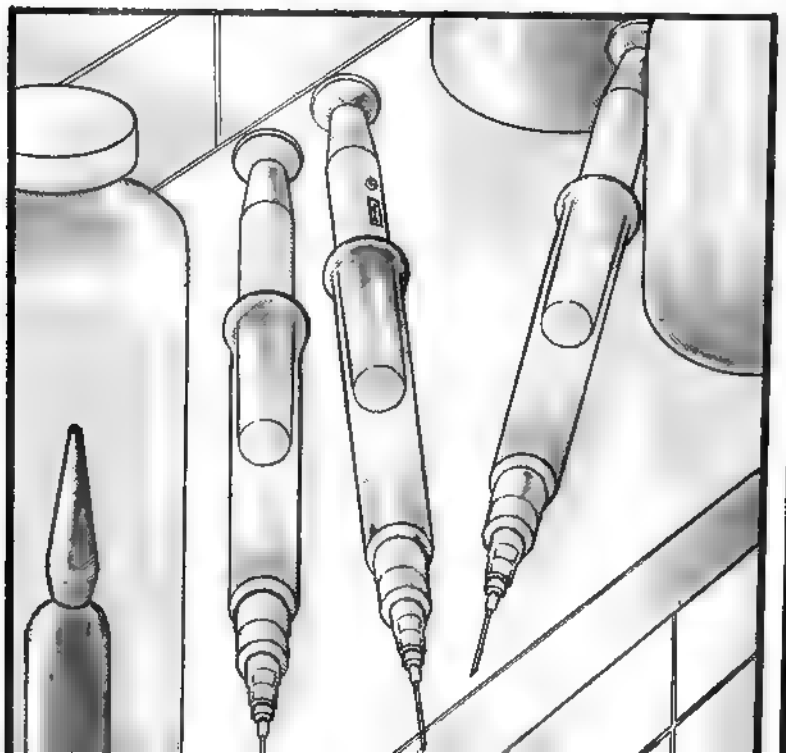

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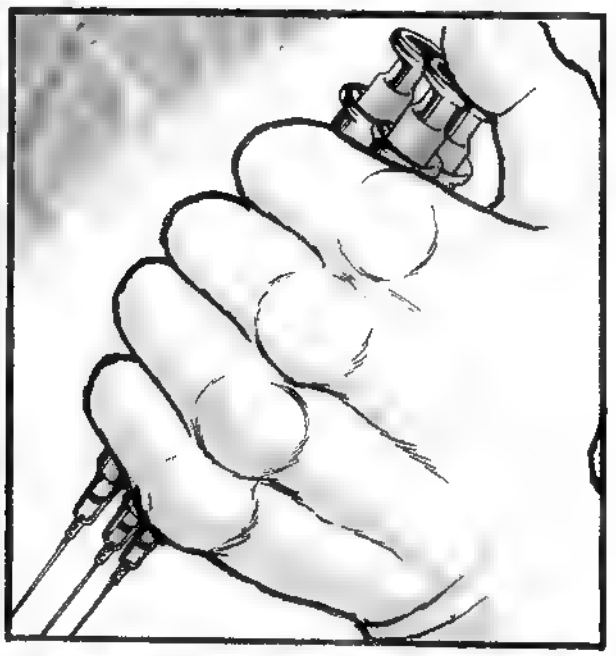

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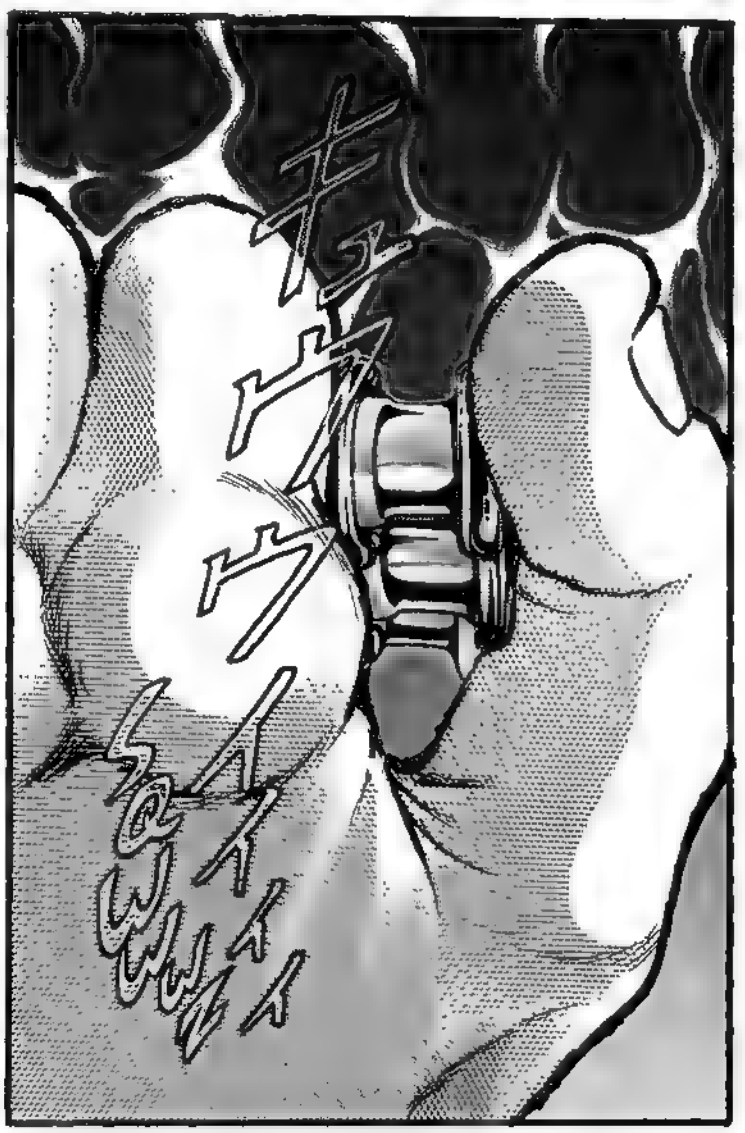

GOTTA HURRY!

MEN

SHIT...

MEN

HUH?

AIYEEEE !!!

MONSTERRRRRRR!!!

TOKYO DO

SABR

AN UNPRECEDENTED SHOWDOWN BETWEEN TWO MONSTERS...

...IS ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY!

THE BITING FIGHTER, JACK HAMMER...

SABR

FROM THE BLUE DRAGON CORNER!

BABUMP

BABUMP

...HAS SHOWN HIMSELF INTO THE ARENA!!!

WOOO

BABUMP

BOTH FIGHTERS, COME FORWARD !!!

WOW, EVEN A GIANT LIKE JACK LOOKS TINY NEXT TO GALLEN!
BOTH ARE FACING EACH OTHER!

BOTH OF THEM EQUIP STRONG AND SILENT EXPRESSIONS!

FIGHTERS, TO YOUR MARKS!

BUT WE CAN BE SURE THEY'RE GOING TO EXCHANGE MORE THAN JUST GLARES, FOLKS!

HEIGHT: 200 CM
WEIGHT: 169 KG

HEIGHT: 193 CM
WEIGHT: 116 KG

THIS CAN ONLY END WITH ONE OF THESE MONSTERS STANDING!!!

白虎

BEGIN !!!

青竜

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OOOOH! GALLEN LAUNCHES INTO A SPRINT!!!

KA-PAP

A TACKLE !!!

BAM
BAM
BAM

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SKD
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SKD
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SHIMP

A SUPLEX !!!
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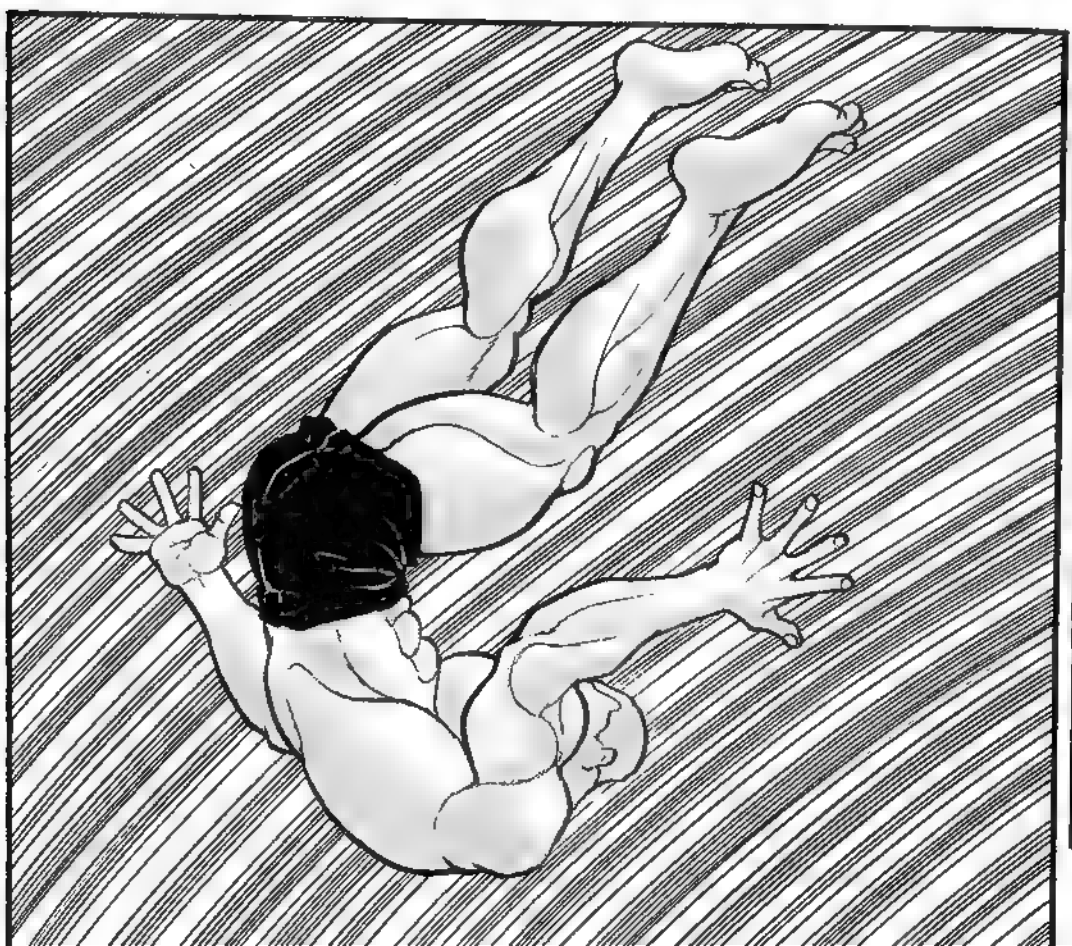
HE'S FLYING!
HE'S FLYING!
A HUMAN BEING
IS FLYING!!



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SHF

SSHNK

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HE'S DOING A SERIES OF FRONT FLIPS !!!

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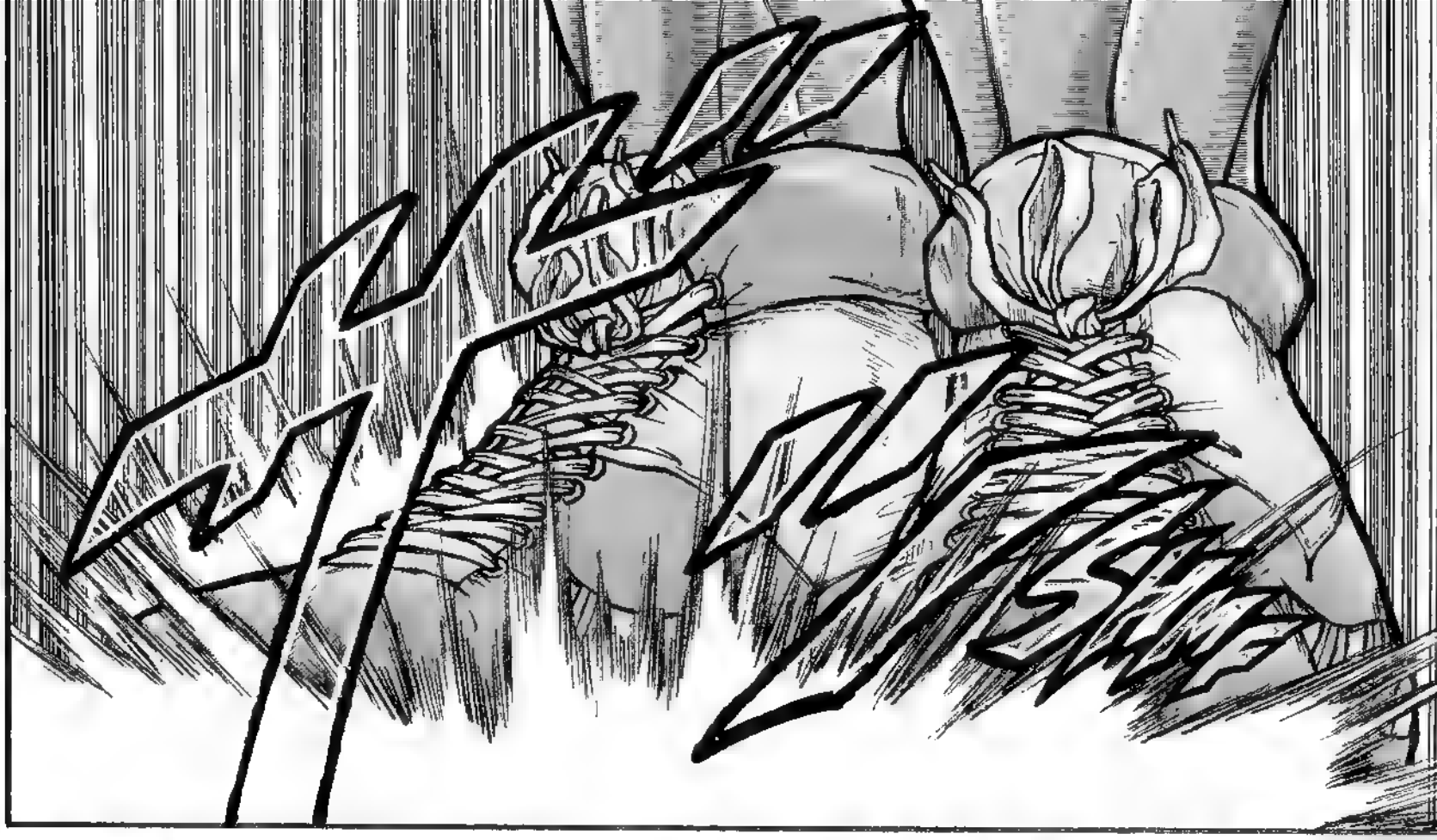
AT 169 KILOS AND 200 CENTIMETERS !!!



IT'S...
IT'S A MOON-SAULT!!!

THE GIANT'S ATHLETIC ABILITY IS NOTHING TO SLOUCH AT !!!

SHMP

WSH!

BAM
JAB!
JAB!
JAB!

AN UPPERCUT TO THE BODY!

WHAM

FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER! AND ANOTHER!
A BARRAGE!

JACK CAN'T DO A THING!
DAMN, THIS FIGHT IS ABOUT TO BE OVER!
ALEXANDER GALLEN CAN BOX TOO?!

IS THERE NO LIMIT TO THE GIANT'S PHYSICAL ABILITIES?!

!!!

SHOO

KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK

H-HE IS UNFATHOMABLY STRONG!!!

JACK HAMMER IS OUT OF OPTIONS !!!

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IT WASN'T A LIE TO CALL HIM THE STRONGEST MAN IN RUSSIA!

ALEXANDER GALLEN IS SHOWING HIS EXTRAORDINARY STRENGTH!!!

GALLEN HAS STARTED GRAPPLING!!!

GRAK

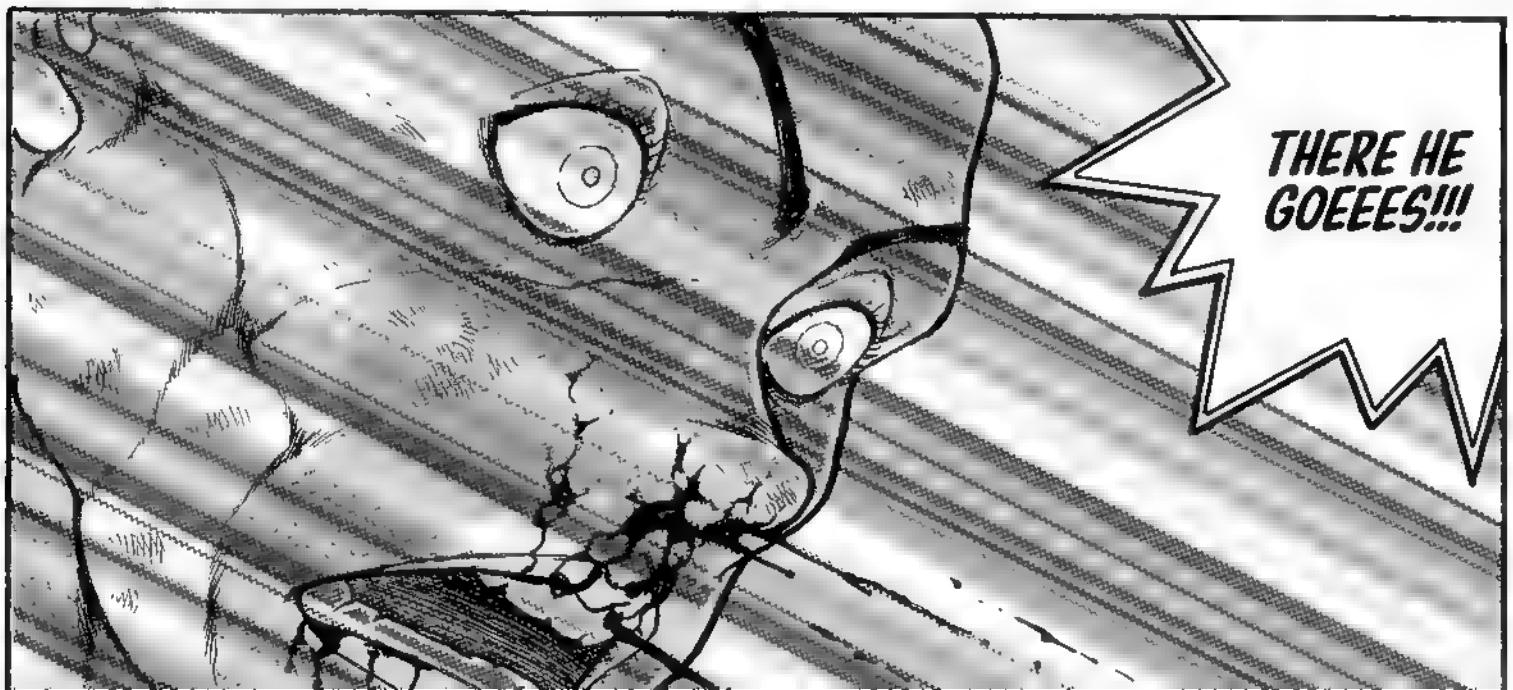
OOOH! HE'S FAST!

BECAUSE THEY FEAR GETTING CAUGHT IN MY THROWS.

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

WHEN WRESTLERS ALL OVER THE WORLD GRAPPLE WITH ME, THEY CHOOSE TO LOSE BY PINFALL.

Ehhh


THERE HE GOEEES!!!

HE'S GOING HIGH! HE'S IN THE SKY!

HE'S TAKEN A FEROCIOUS THROW!!!

青龍

SHUNK

DMF

RAAH

THIS IS DANGEROUS !!!

HE'S GRAPPLING HIM AGAIN !!!

GRAK

THMP

IT'S TOO FEROCIOUS!

THE MOVE THE WHOLE WORLD FEARS— THE GALLEN SPECIAL!

FWING

A THROOOOW !!!

HE'S FLYING PARALLEL TO THE GROUND!

HE'S PULLING HIM UP !!!

HE'S THROWING HIM FOR THE FIFTH TIME!!!

AND UP, UP HE GOES!

...IS EASILY FLYING TEN METERS!

THAT GIANT 193-CENTIMETER 116-KILO FRAME...

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HE HITS THE BACK OF HIS HEAD HARD!

WHAM

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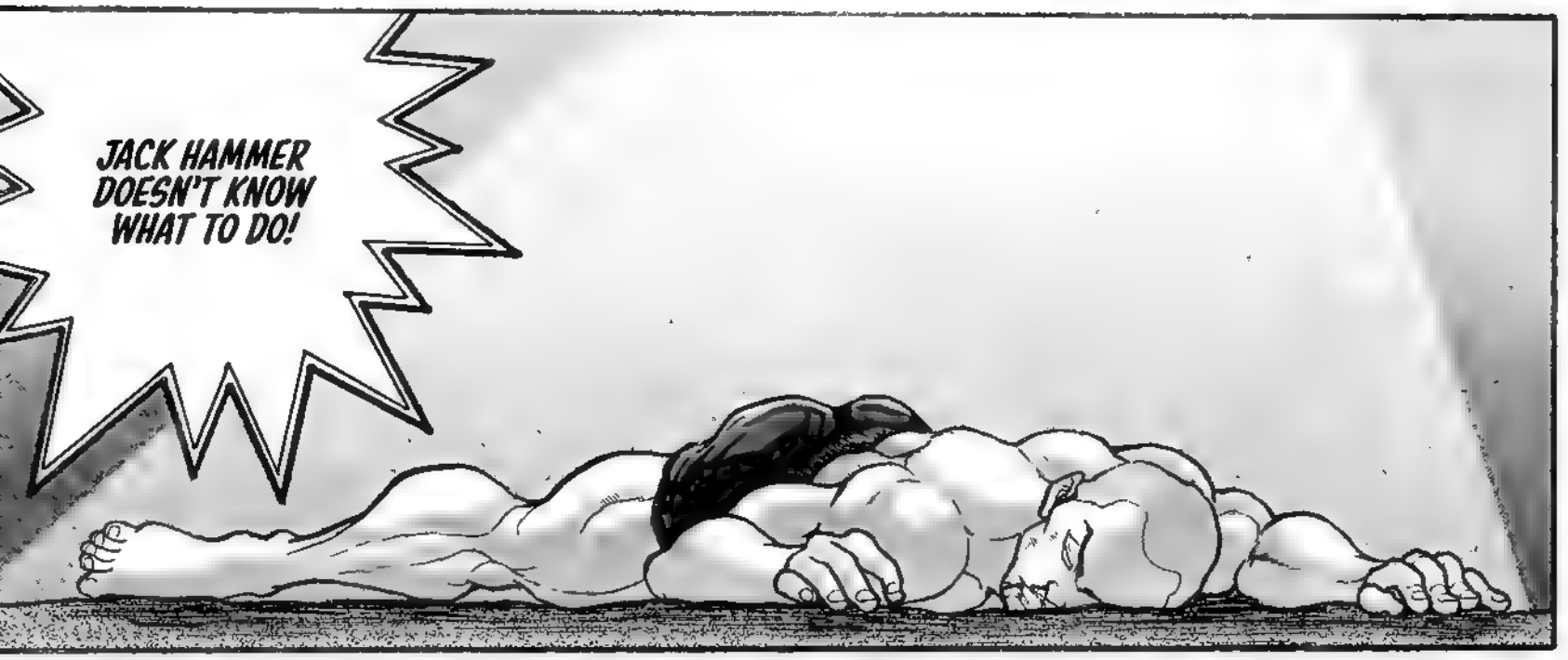
SHMP
虎


JACK HAMMER DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

ALEXANDER GALLEN IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!!!

THEY BROUGHT IN A REAL DANGEROUS ONE, BAKI.

THAT RUSSIAN BASTARD IS A *MONSTER.*

JACK HAMMER !!!

WHERE ARE THE FANGS YOU WERE GOING TO BRING BACK TO FIGHTING ?!

THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF VICTORY I DESIRE!!!

I WANT AN HONORABLE FIGHT...!!!

GRAP

FLASH

W...

Erick

WHAT IS THIS?!

TIST

...ARM-LOCKED HIM FROM BELOW ...!

KRIK

HE'S...

GALLEN FALLS FORWARD!!!

HE'S GOT IT CINCHED IN!

FWAP

BMF

!!!...

DESPITE JACK HAVING BOTH ARMS AND LEGS WRAPPED AROUND HIM IN A SUBMISSION, GALLEN IS TRYING TO REVERSE IT WITH THE POWER OF HIS RIGHT ARM ALONE!!!
HOLY MOLY!!!
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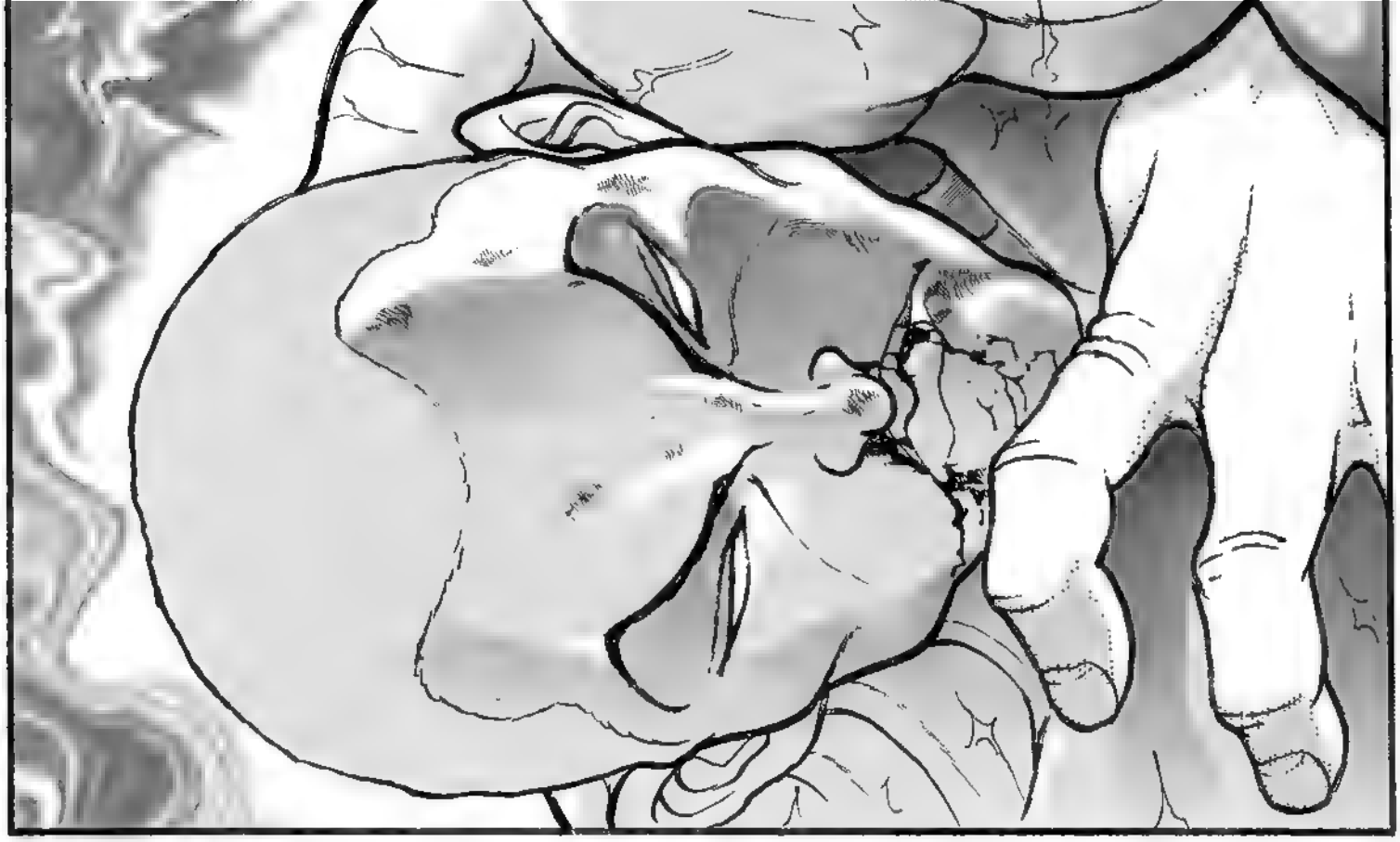
NWOOOOOOO...



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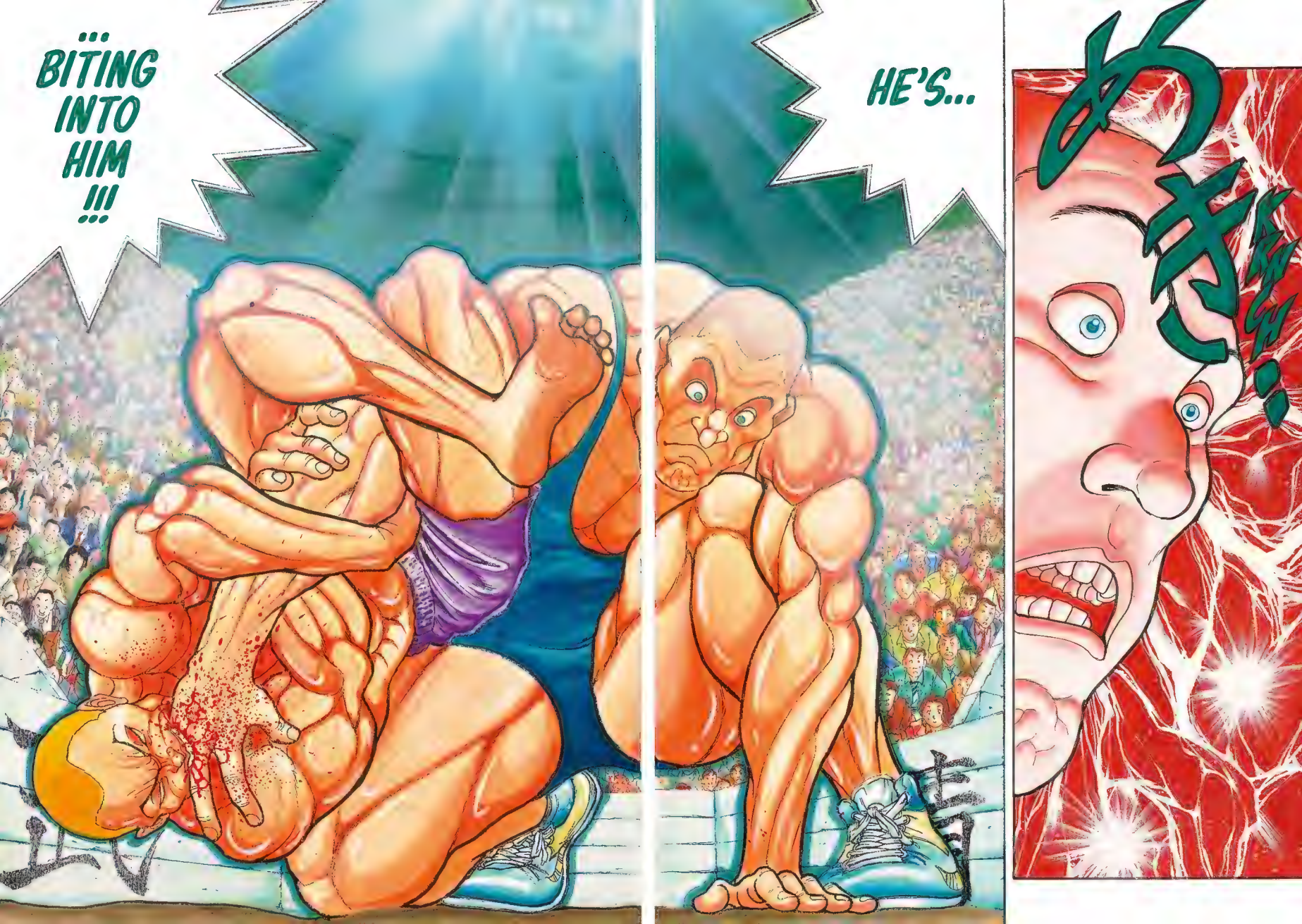

...BITING INTO HIM !!!
HE'S...
あぎ!!

THE GRAPPLER
BAKI

HE'S BITING HIM!!!

PA'RIK

KA'KRIK

HE'S BITING HIIIM!!!

HOWEVER, GOING BY THE RULES OF THE UNDERGROUND ARENA...

...THAT MOVE IS NOT BARRED!

JACK HAMMER STANDS AS IF TO SAY "YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?"

...!

HE'S NOT ASHAMED! NOT A SHRED OF GUILT TO BE FOUND!

HEH HE HE HE HE

HIS CHEST IS PUFFED OUT CONFI-DENTLY!!!

PLOP

...! THERE'S NO WAY...!!

HEY... ARE THOSE ...!!!

...

HIS FINGERS ...

BLUGH!!

HE BIT OFF HIS FINGERRRRS!!!

WHAT IS JACK HAMMER THINKING?!

IS THIS A FIGHTER WE SHOULD BE PRAISING?!

JACK.

EVERY PART OF THIS BODY OF MINE EXISTS TO ENSURE THAT *TOMORROW* COMES FOR MY MOTHERLAND, THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC.

SO YOU JUST BIT OFF A PIECE OF MY *COUNTRY.*

...IS A *GRAVE CRIME !!!*

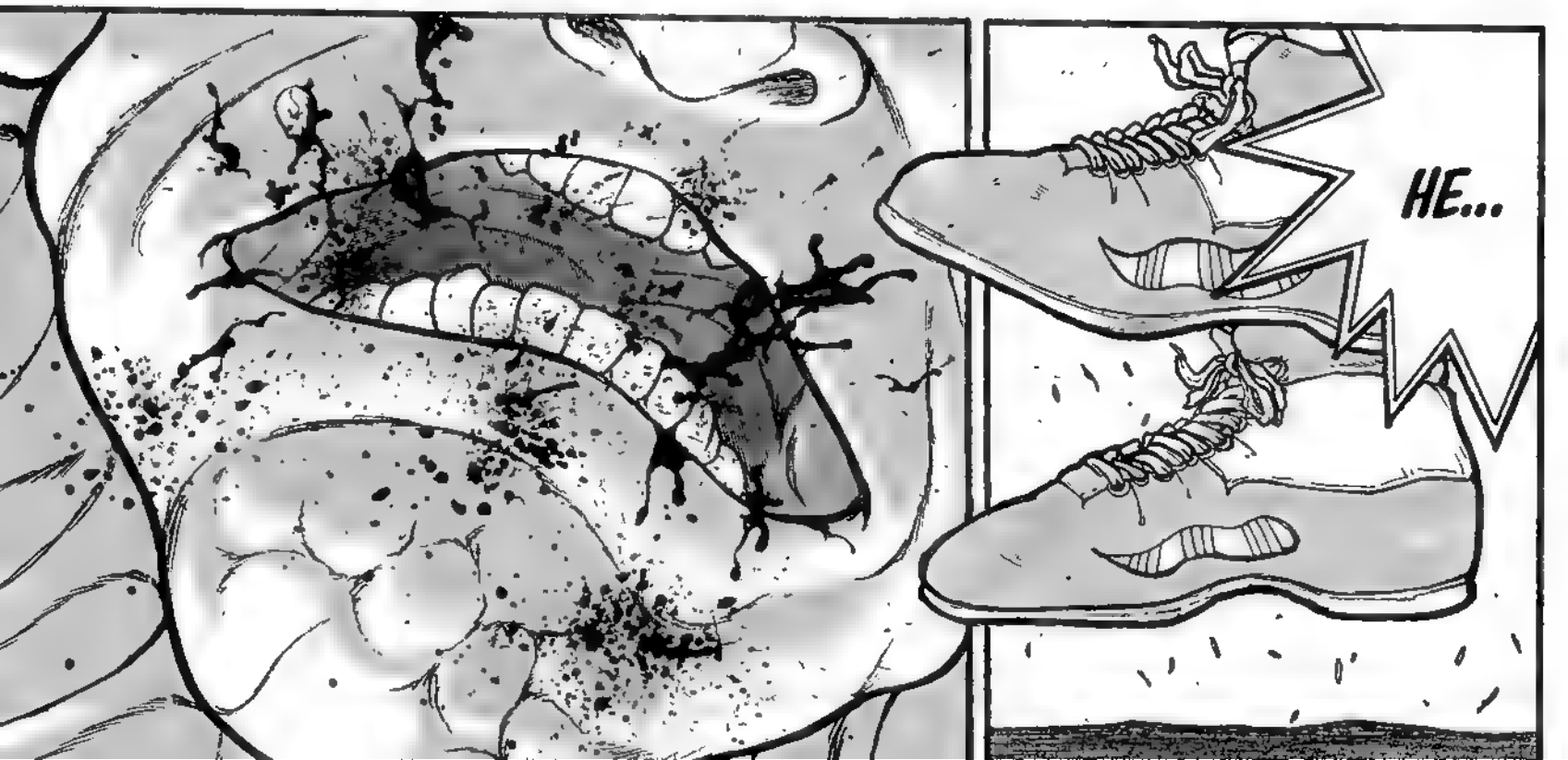
STEALING ANYTHING FROM MY MOTHER-LAND...

IT'S THE GRAVEST OF CRIMES, JACK HAMMER!!!

PSH

PSH

MMM


HE...

HE FELT THAT ONE!

GALLEN'S KNEES ARE SHAKING!!

ZAAAA

SHABWAG

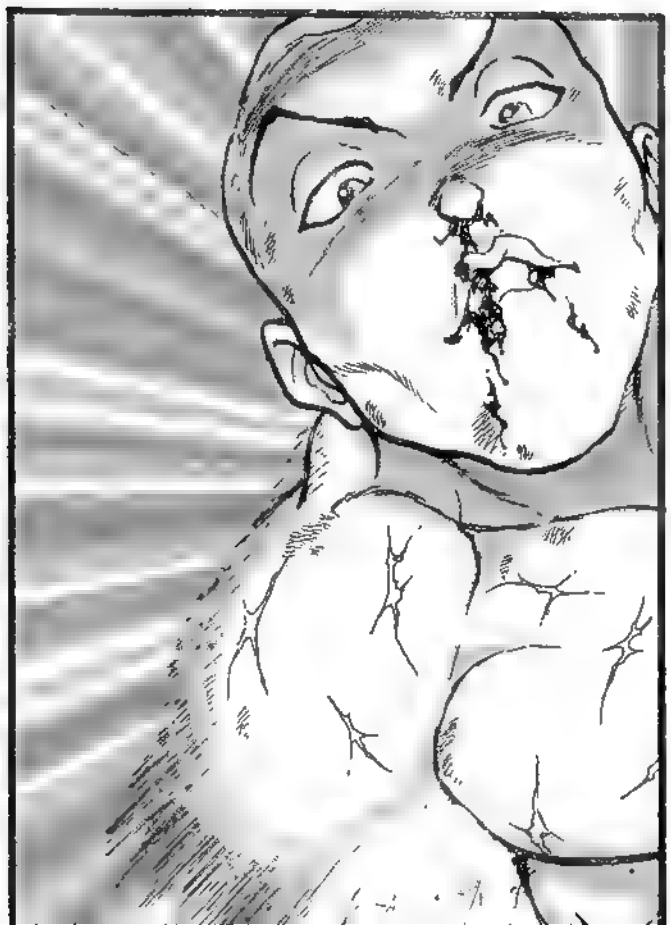
HE LANDS A BRUTAL CHOP-BLOW !!!

THE TWO METER, 169-KILO MAN IS FLYING!

KAPOOW

WOOOO

WOOOH!
WOOOH!
WOOOH!



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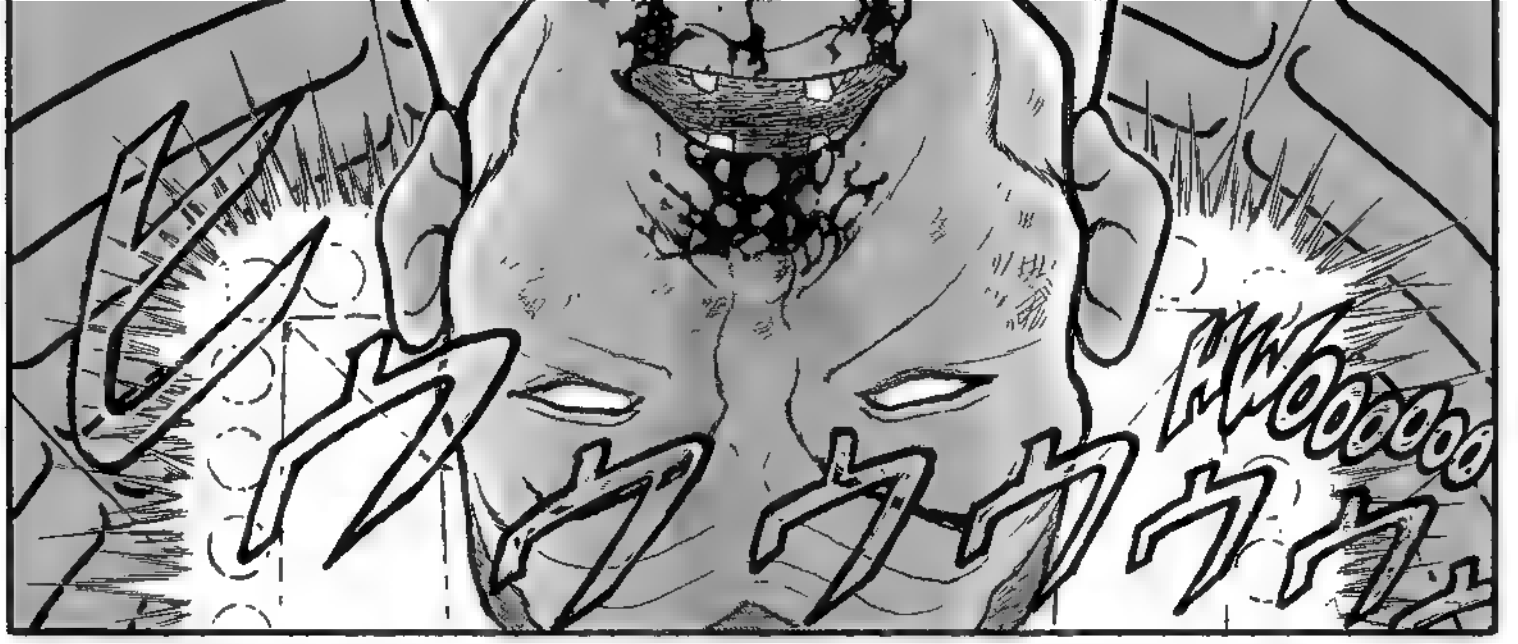
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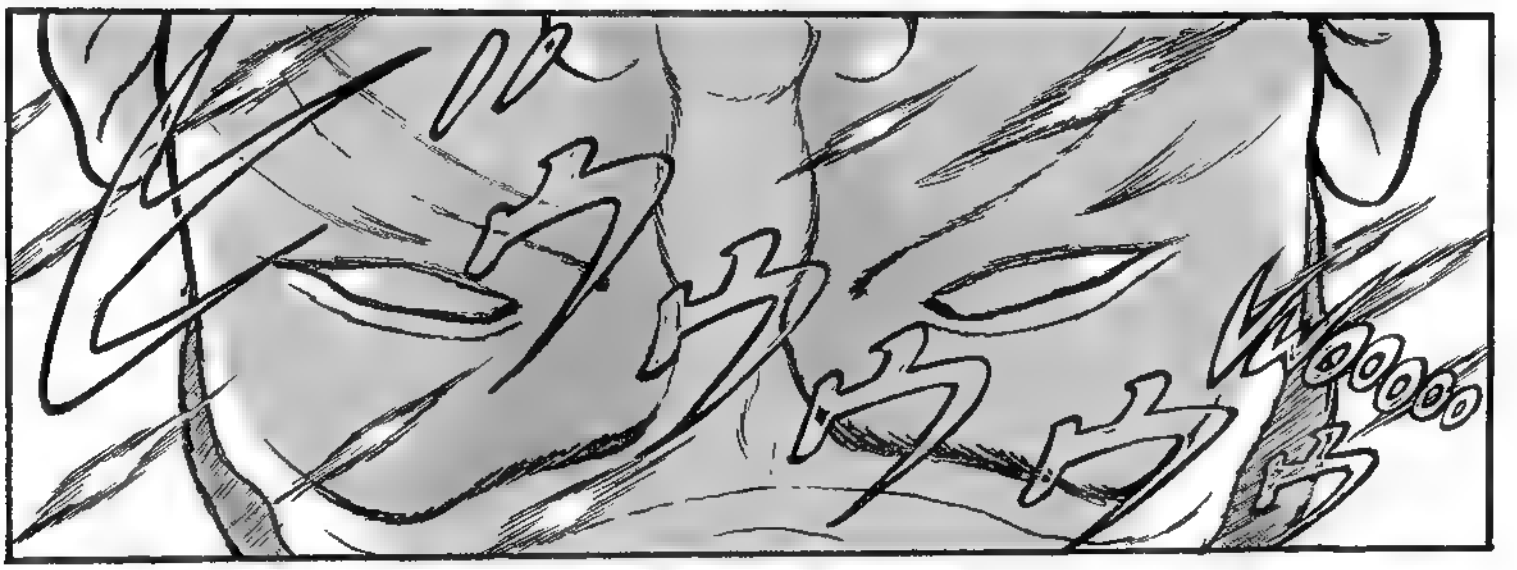
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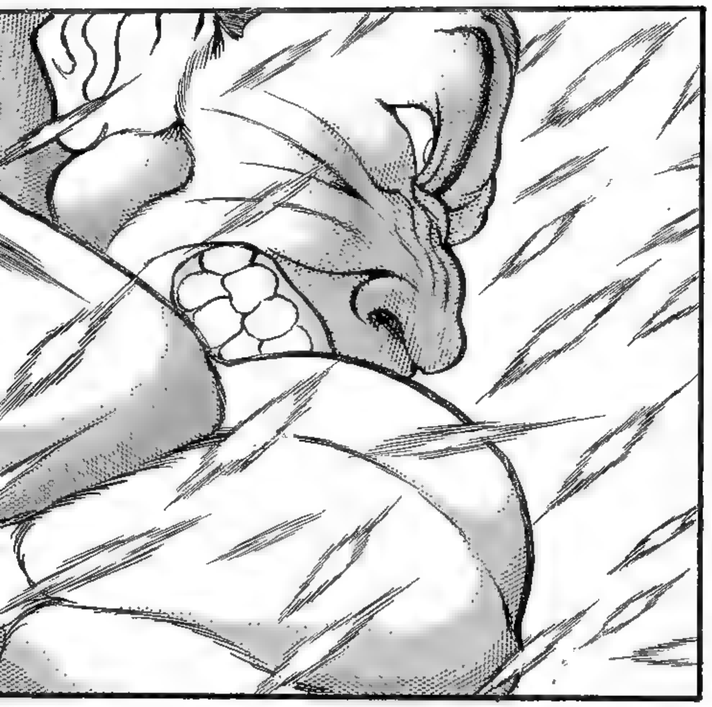
K-TNK



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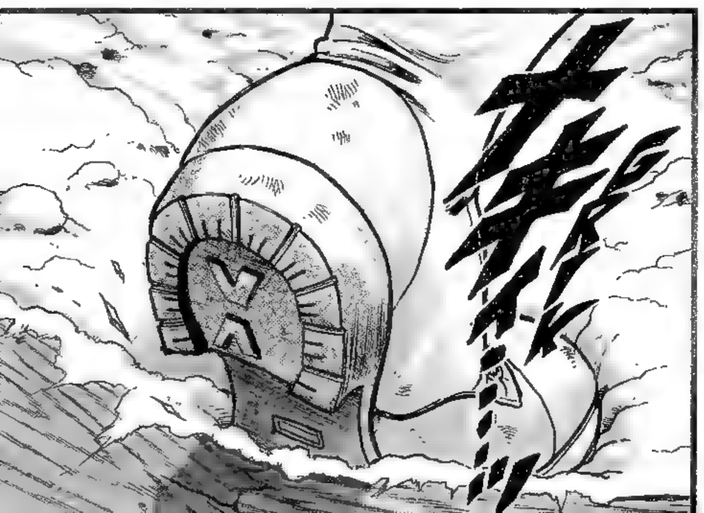
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GRIK
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KA-REEK
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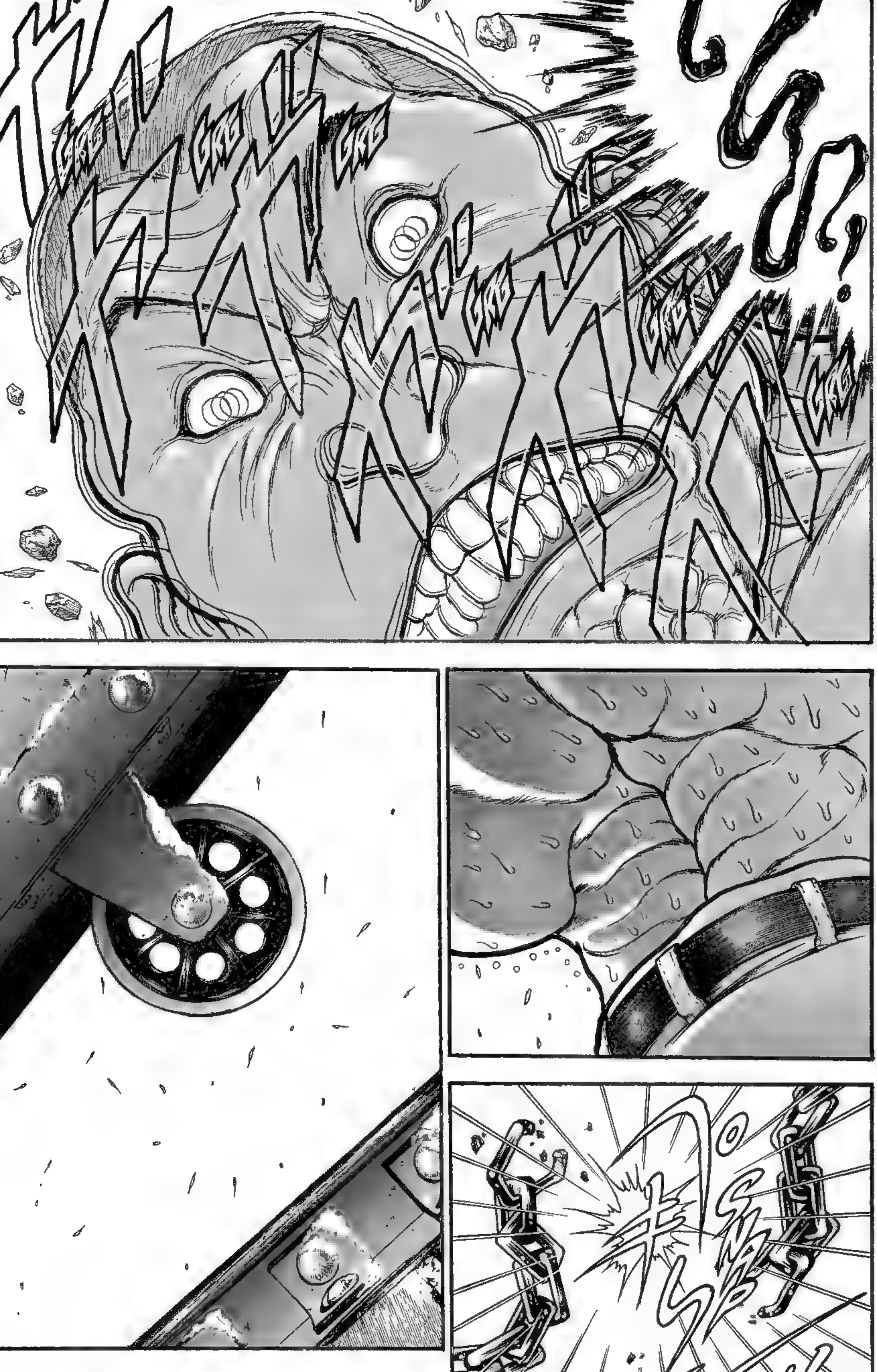
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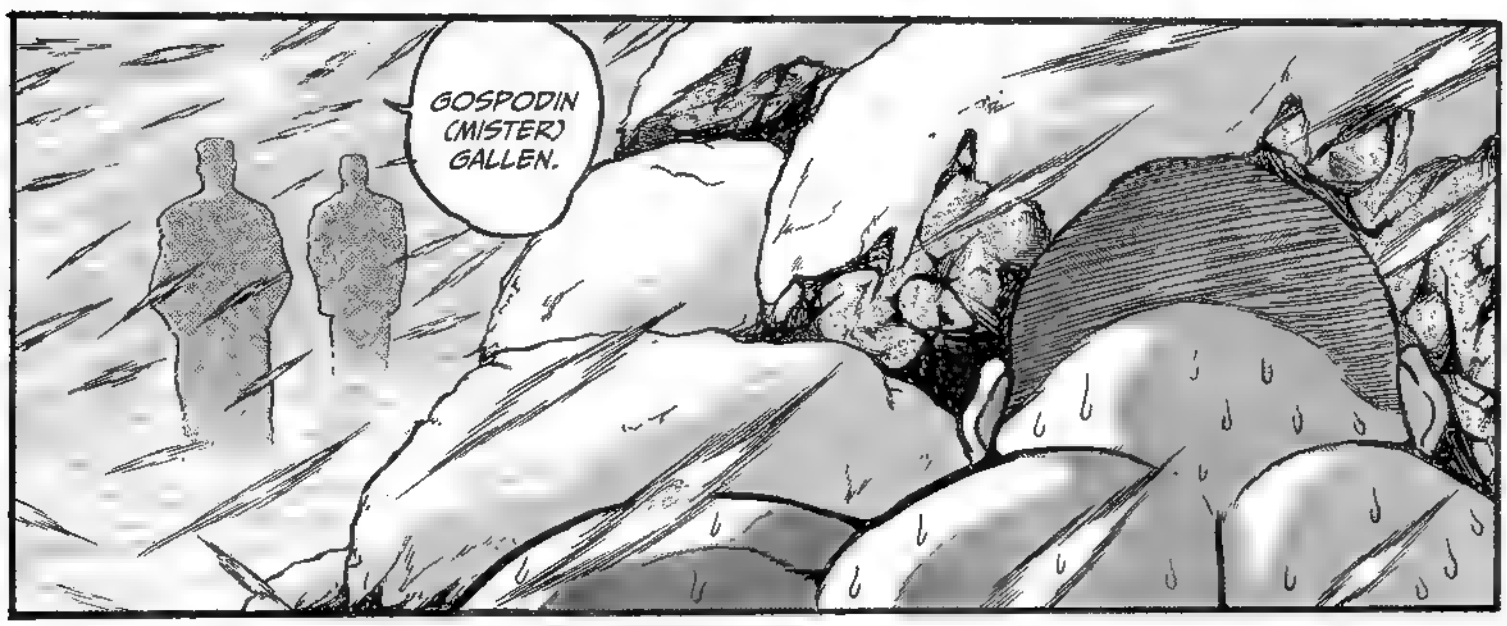
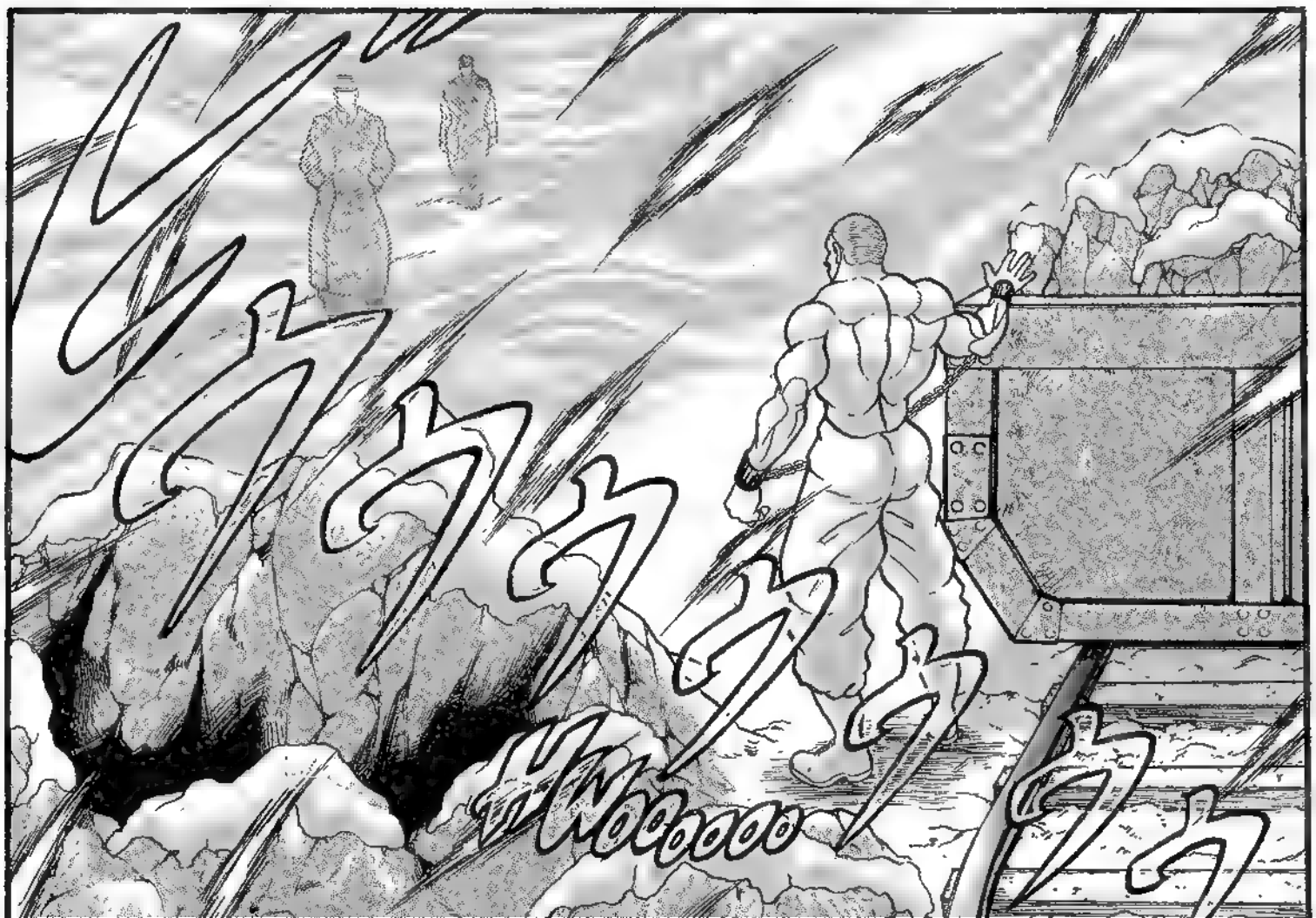

GOSPODIN (MISTER) GALLEN.


WOOOOOO

...THAT POWER OF YOURS.

WE NEED...

YOU CAN FIGHT TO YOUR HEART'S DESIRE AGAINST POTENTIALLY WORTHWHILE OPPONENTS.

FOR THE MOTHERLAND ...

KRAKAK

THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC IS UNFATHOMABLE !!!

ALEXANDER GALLEN IS RUNNING ROUGHSHOD!

HE'S GONE IN FOR THE GRAPPLE!

CUBA'S REP, HECTOR MAREN, SHRINKS AWAY!

SEIKO

TH-
THERE
IT IS!

THE GALLEN
SPECIAAAAL!

...!!!

SYNSAM

THIS IS NO LONGER WRESTLING!

KRAH

KRAH

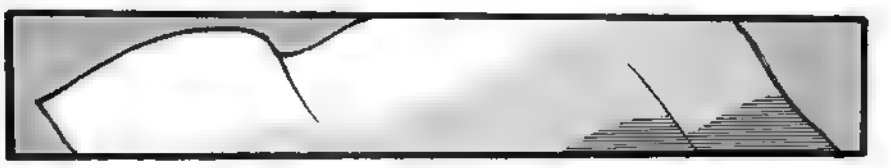
BOOM

SON

INTERNAT

AAAAH

KAHAA
AAH



I'M UTTERLY APPALLED...

TO THINK THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO DREAMS ABOUT *TOMORROW* FOR YOUR MOTHERLAND ...

ONE MONSTER LOOKS UP TO THE OTHER!!!

...COULD EVER BEAT A PERSON LIKE ME, WHO ONLY RECOGNIZES THE *HERE AND NOW.*

SKR

GRAP

IT'S ABOUT TIME I SHOW YOU...

...THAT EVEN SURPASSES A SIBERIAN BLIZZARD!!!

SHOW YOU THE HELL OF COMBAT...

JACK.. HE'S PLANNING ON DYING HERE...

H-HEY, LOOK AT JACK'S FACE...!

...!!!

THE GRAPPLER
BAKI

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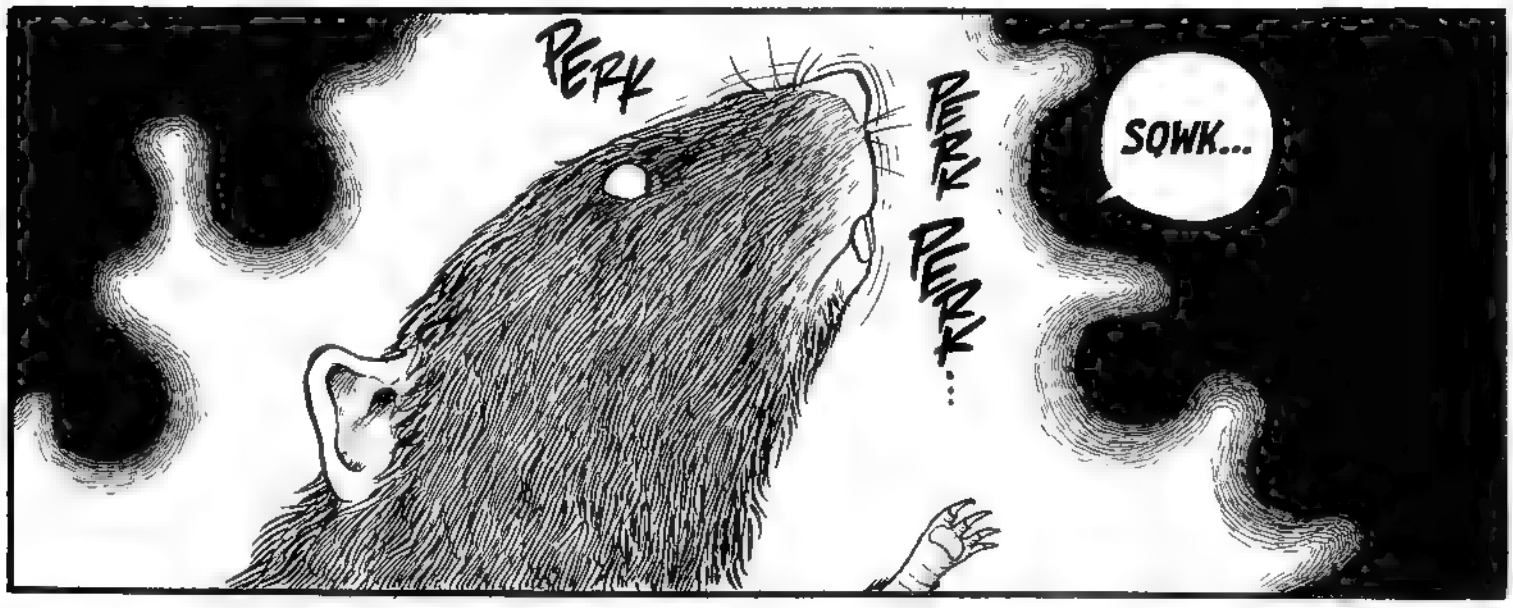
FISH!!!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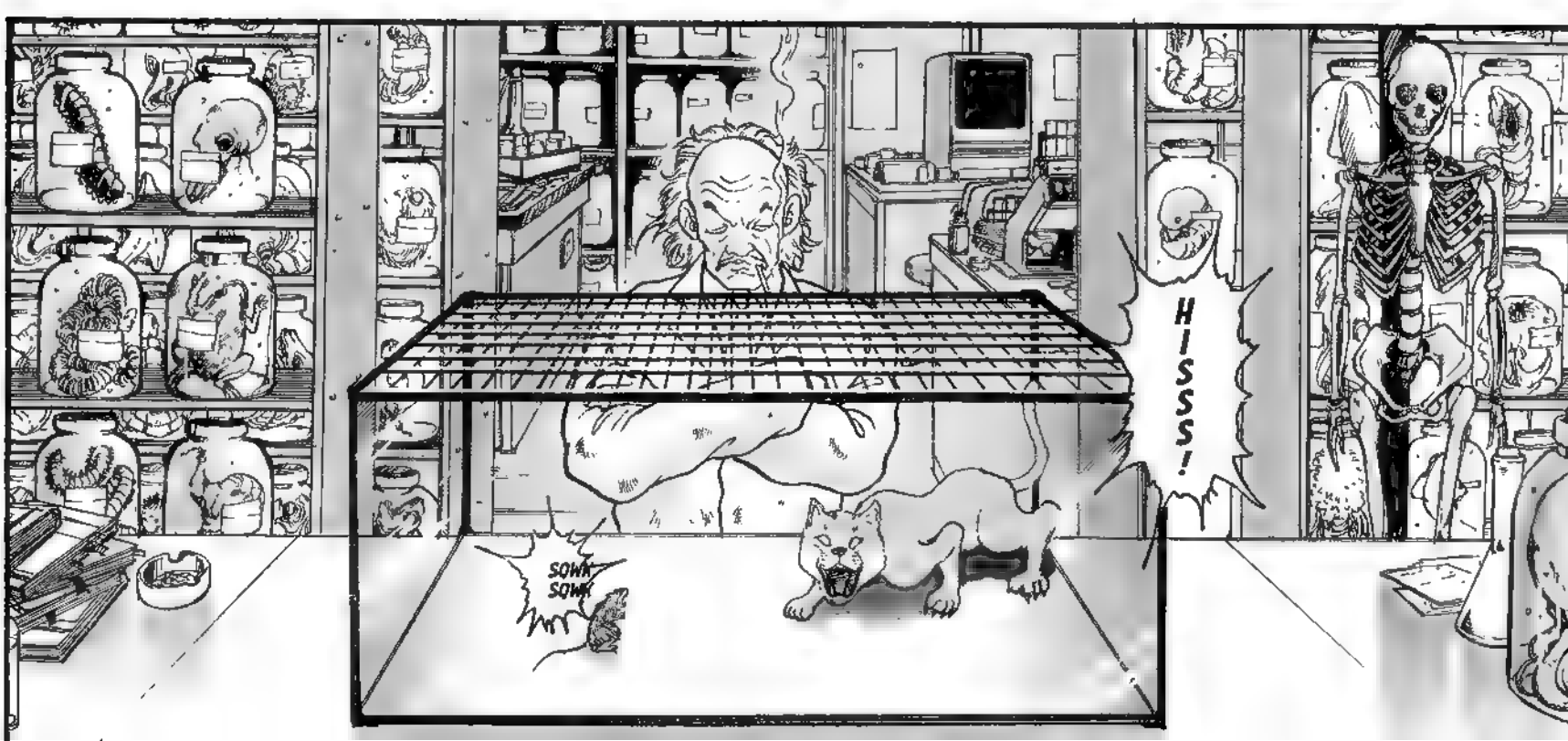
PERK PERK...
SQWK...


HISSS!
SQWK SQWK

I'VE BEEN DELVING INTO BODY MODIFICATIONS FOR THIRTY YEARS NOW!

THIRTY YEARS OF REPEATED EXPERIMENTATION AND MISTAKES...

GOO

FOO

WOSH

KEE!

THIRTY YEARS AMIDST CRITICISM AND SLANDER...

MYAAAH!

SHAH!

KEE KEE!

IN THIS WORLD... IN THE WORLD OF EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY...

BAGYAAH!

CHOMP

!!!

...I'M CLEARLY AN OUTCAST.

FGYAH!

SHAH!

BUT SOMETIMES GOD SMILES UPON EVEN ME.

...AT THE END OF PERSEVERANCE.

THE FAINTEST MIRACLE GLIMPSED...

THIS SORT OF MIRACLE...

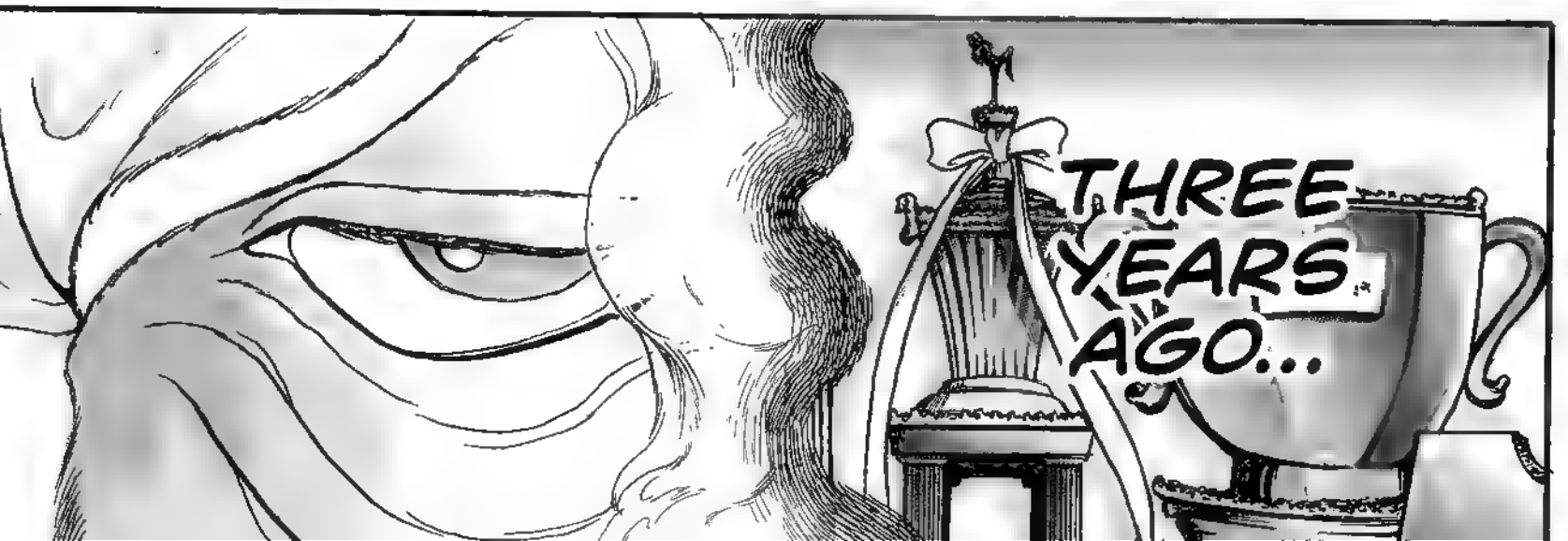
...!!!

...HAS SUSTAINED ME THESE DARK THIRTY YEARS.

KEEEEE!

KEEEEE!

JACK...


THREE YEARS AGO...

YOU FINISH YOUR FRANKENSTEIN? HA HA HA.

GOOD OF YOU TO COME, JOHN.

WELL, I CAN'T WAIT.

THAT'S MY SAME OLD LINE.

SOON.

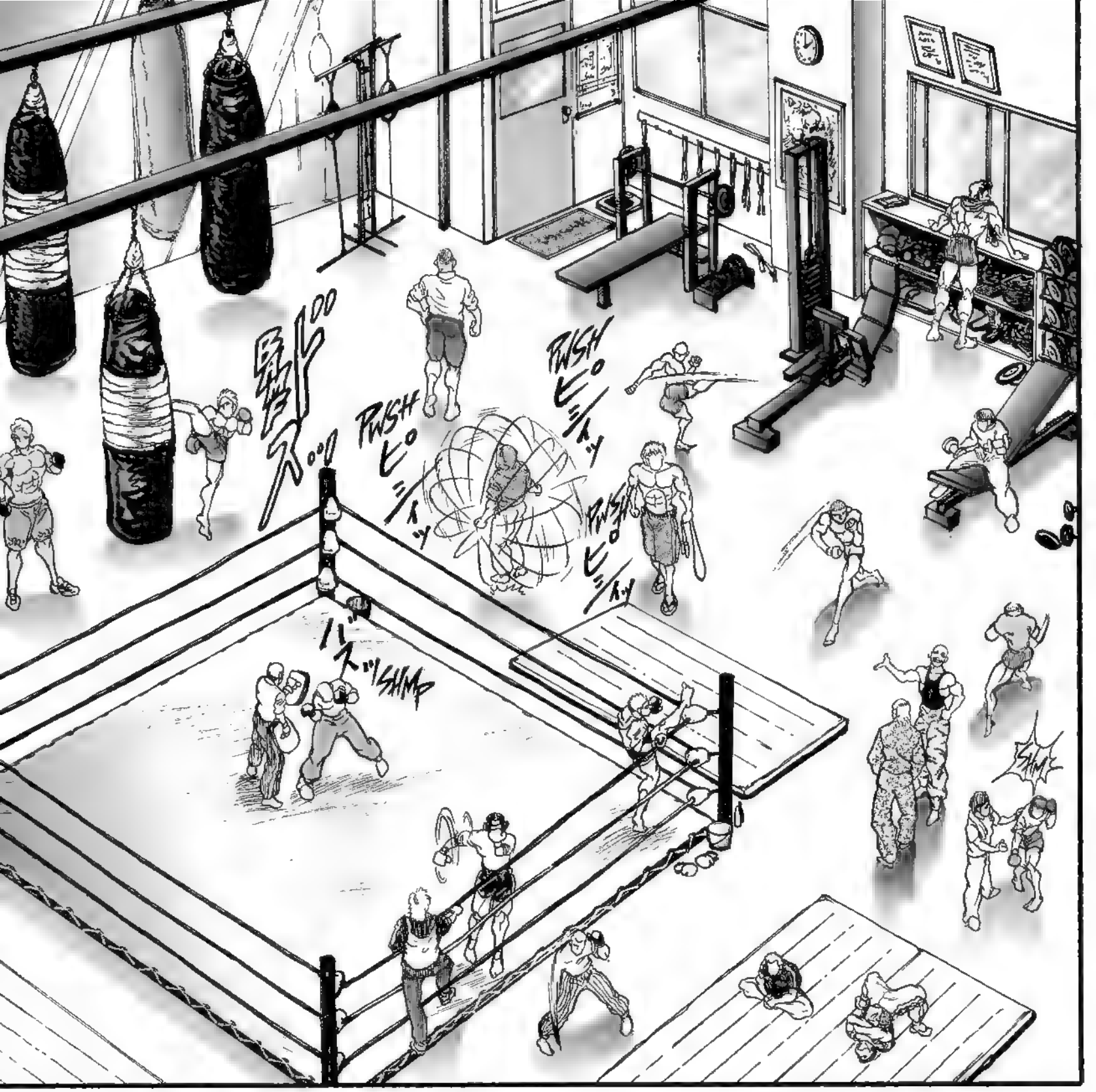
HE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE.

I HOPE OBSERVING WILL HELP YOU OUT...

A FAMOUS TRAINER WIDELY ACCLAIMED AS THE BEST IN THE KICKBOXING INDUSTRY.

TOM HARRISON.

SIT BACK AND WATCH.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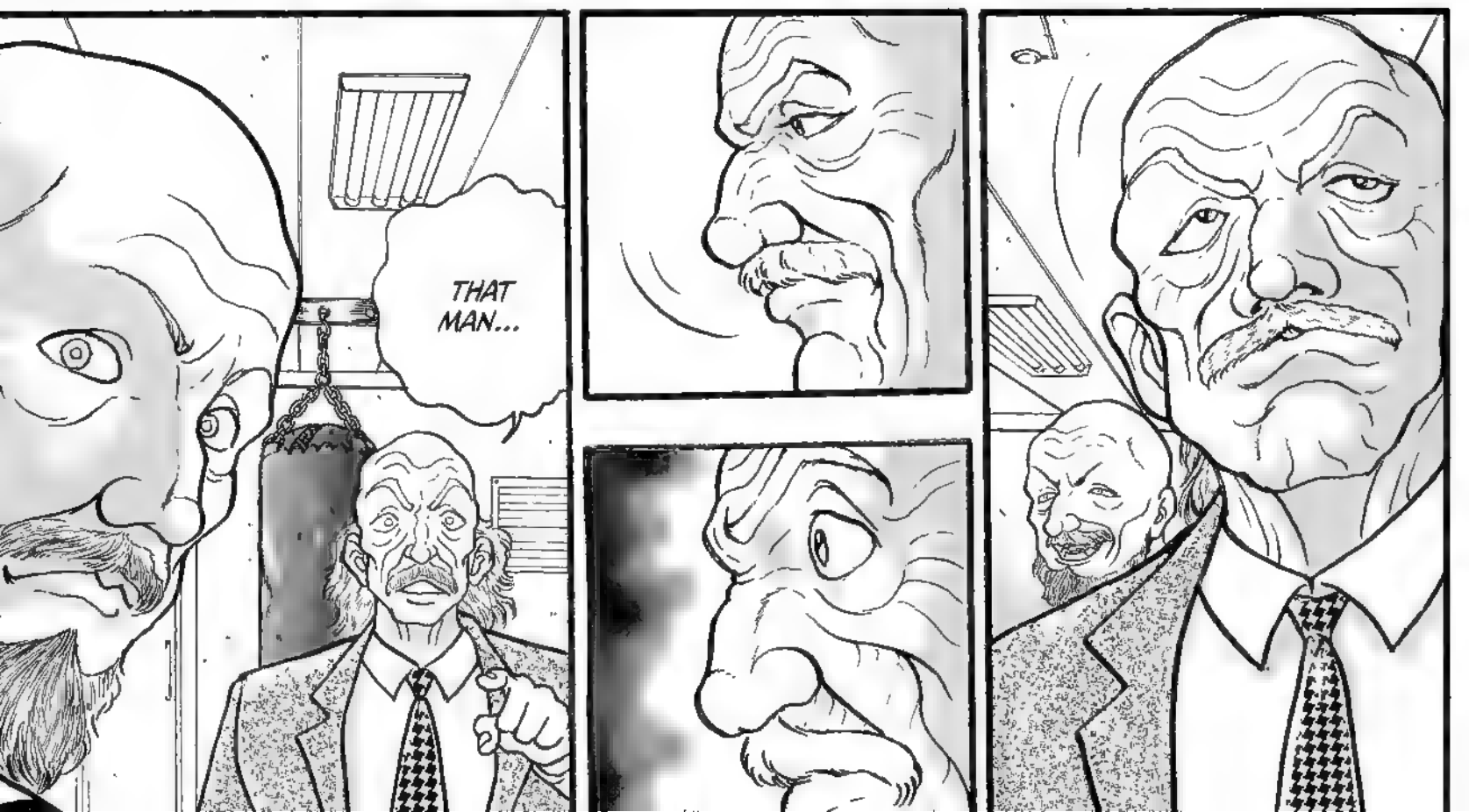

THAT MAN...

WITH A BODY AS EMACIATE AS A GHOST...

KRUMP

...HE PUNCHED THE SANDBAG LIKE A MAN POSSESSED.

...

MY WORST PUPIL SINCE I OPENED MY GYM. JUST LEAVE HIM BE.

...

HA HA... FAITHFULLY, HUH?

BUT HE'S BEEN FAITHFULLY KEEPING UP WITH YOUR BRUTAL TRAINING REGIMENT— THE ONE SO BRUTAL THAT NOT EVEN ONE OUT OF A THOUSAND SURVIVE IT.

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK HE'S BEEN HITTING THAT BAG?

AH, RIGHT, JOHN?

HE'D HAVE A BETTER CHANCE GETTING STRONGER MAKING OUT WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND IN BED THAN OVERDOING IT WITH A BRUTAL TRAINING REGIMENT.

IT'S ALREADY BEEN OVER TWELVE HOURS.

SINCE EVENING.

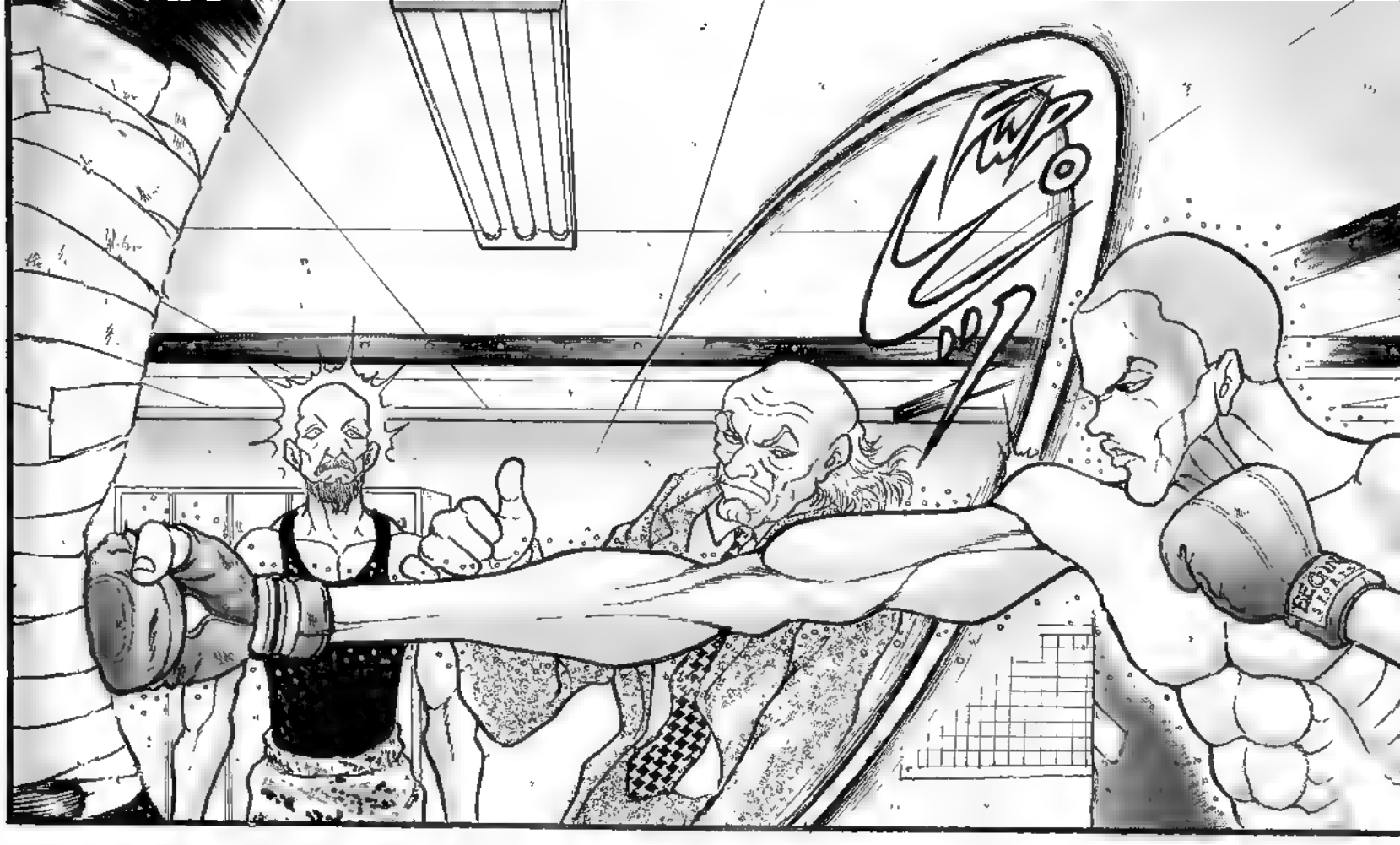
IS HE TAKING INTERVALS ?

HE'S EVEN PISSED HIMSELF RATHER THAN STOP PUNCHING.

LIKE HELL HE IS.

JOHN ...

JOHN!



STOP IT, JOHN!

SLICE
SLICE
SLICE

S-STOP IT, YOU FOOL!

KI!!!-BOOM!

...BUT IF YOU NEED SOMETHING, ASK ME LATER.

SORRY...

JACK...

PLEASE
...

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